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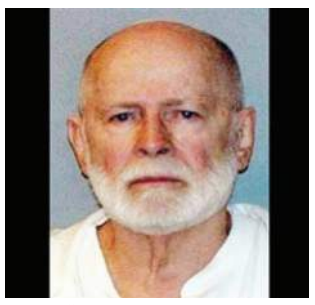

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» 'Off-island vendors with large scale, repeated CNMI govt contracts must obtain business license, pay tax'

» Governor, Finance secretary say policy ensure competition, proper taxation

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said yesterday that off-island vendors purposely promoting their products in the CNMI, competing with local vendors, or entering into large-scale or repeated contracts with the Commonwealth government "must obtain business licenses and pay the small tax liability associated with this commerce."

This sums up the Inos administration's response to a lingering question about the CNMI's procurement process and business licensing requirements for off-island vendors.

The administration said this policy is established by law and is part of Inos' ef-

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WITH LESS THAN A MONTH TO SCHOOL OPENING:

Only 11 of 30 vacant teacher posts filled

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Large class sizes are expected in many public schools next month following admission of education officials that no additional teaching staff will be added to its workforce this new school year.

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In fact, last school year's teacher population may go down as only a handful of vacant positions have been filled as of last week.

PSS had a little over 400 teachers last school year; 30 have resigned over the summer period. So far, only 11 have been hired to replace them.

Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., pointed out that these 30 vacant posts are just "replacement positions" for those who exited the system during summer. PSS, she said, cannot hire beyond this number due to budget constraints.

"Those are posts that were vacated and need to be replaced; they're not new. PSS cannot hire beyond the replacement because it's consistent with its budgetary appropriation," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the replacement posts are included in the funded FTEs for the current fiscal year.

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Inos rallies support for Fund settlement deal

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» Payments of pension cut, interest rest with 'new sources of revenue'

For more than two hours last night, Gov. Eloy S. Inos tried his best to make a crowd of about 200 not only understand but also support the tentatively approved NMI Retirement Fund settlement agreement while at the same time balancing the interests of both retirees and active members.

Most of the concerns raised at the governor's town hall meeting—a rarity among CNMI chief executives—were about the future reinstatement of the 25 percent cut in retirees' pension and the payment of contributions' interest.

Payments for these will not come from the settlement fund, but from a separate account that the Legislature and the administration will have to create based on new

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, front table center, takes up questions from a crowd of retirees and active members about the tentatively approved NMI Retirement Fund settlement agreement, in last night's town hall meeting at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe. If the settlement deal fails or if the U.S. District Court does not grant final approval, the parties will return to litigation of the Betty Johnson case as it was on June 26, 2013, and proceed as if there were never a settlement deal.

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Man in 'ice' trafficking case gets 37 mos. in prison

A man was sentenced to 37 months in prison for his involvement in a conspiracy to distribute 5 or more grams of methamphetamine or "ice" on Saipan.

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona sentenced Xiangrong Li to three years and one month in prison, with credit for 356 days of time served.

Upon his release, Li, a Chinese national, will be placed on four years of supervised release, but among the conditions is that he will be turned over to an immigration officer for deportation.

Li was also required to perform 100 hours of community service and pay $100 special assessment fee.

The judge granted the prosecution's motion to dismiss the remaining charges as part of the plea deal with Li.

Li was among nine persons, including former police captain Delbert Sablan, who were arrested on Saipan in August 2012 by combined federal and local law enforcement agencies for alleged distribution of "ice" and possession of a firearm.

Li was charged with one count of conspiracy to distribute 5 or more grams of "ice" and four counts of distribution of "ice."

The indictment alleged that from June 2010 until Aug. 22, 2012, Li conspired with persons to distribute "ice."

According to the plea deal, Li distributed a total of 5.18 grams of pure methamphetamine or about $4,020 worth of "ice" to buyers in four transactions. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

CAREER PREP NMC

Guest speaker Rep. Felicidad Ogumoro talks about leadership and education with one of the Northern Marianas College's Workforce Development and Apprenticeship Program's first cohorts for the "Workforce: Lead Into Future Experiences" workshop. The workshops, which currently have almost 300 participants, are modeled after the U.S. Department of Labor's Apprenticeship Program's Pathways Pledge that focuses on areas a person needs to develop while preparing for a career.

Man accused of meth trafficking pleads guilty to drug possession

Patrick Acosta, a 34-year-old man accused of selling methamphetamine or "ice" in Chalan Kanoa, has pleaded guilty to illegal possession of a controlled substance as part of a plea deal.

The remaining charge of trafficking of a controlled substance was dropped.

In a written order on Monday, Superior Court Associate Judge Kenneth L. Govendo directed the Office of Adult Probation to prepare a presentence report to help the court select the appropriate sentence for Acosta.

Acosta will be sentenced on Oct. 1, 2013, at 1:30pm.

According to the factual basis of the plea deal, Acosta was caught selling "ice" on Jan. 9, 2013, on Saipan. Drug Enforcement Task Force officer Dennis Reyes stated in his report that a cooperating source managed to buy $50 worth of "ice" from Acosta.

When police arrested Acosta on Jan. 17, 2013, he agreed to assist law enforcers as a confidential informant. Police agreed to release him without bail subject to some conditions.

Reyes said that Acosta, however, reneged on their deal and did not cooperate with law enforcers in their investigations.

Acosta's non-cooperation prompted the Office of the Attorney General to request the court to revoke his release and to unseal the case. The court granted the motions.

Assistant attorney general Nicole Driscoll represented the government at the hearing last week. Assistant public defender Matthew Meyer served as counsel for Acosta. ***(Ferdie de la Torre)***

Federal grant opportunities for eligible applicants

The Office of Grants Management announced last week several federal grant opportunities for the following:

A. Improving Diabetes Management in Young Children with Type 1 Diabetes: The goal of this funding opportunity announcement is to support research to develop, refine, and pilot test innovative strategies to improve diabetes management in young children with type 1 diabetes (5 years old and under)

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS: Public housing authorities/ Indian housing authorities, county governments, city or township governments, nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, small businesses, private institutions of higher education, state governments, nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, For profit organizations other than small businesses

For the full description of the grant, access grants.gov or the direct link at: http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=239618

B. Understanding Barriers and Facilitators to Type 1 Diabetes Management in Adults (DP3): The goal of this funding opportunity announcement is to support research that will identify barriers and facilitators to good diabetes self management in adults with type 1 diabetes. The results from this research should inform future intervention research in adults with type 1 diabetes.

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2010 Census crosstabulations now available

The CNMI Department of Commerce's Central Statistics Division, in collaboration with U.S. Census Bureau, has validated and released the "CNMI: 2010 Census Detailed Crosstabulations (Part 1)."

This file contains 2010 Census data showing crosstabulations of demographic, social, economic and housing characteristics. Social and economic characteristics are crosstabulated by age, sex, ethnic origin or race. Housing characteristics are crosstabulated by age of householder, household income in 2009, household size, tenure, units in structure and year structure built. The detailed crosstabulations are presented at the Island Area level. Another set of detailed crosstabulations (part 2) will be released later.

"This release is timely as we are currently reviewing our data with respect to the CW-1 and the minimum wage issues," said Gov. Eloy S. Inos. "The end-users will find the listed tables in the Excel document user-friendly, and it will speed up a lot of their review, evaluation, or cross-tabulation on areas of poverty level, health insurance coverage, unemployment, education and workforce status, household income tabulations and so on."

This Part 1 release is now available on the Department of Commerce website, www.commerce.gov.mp; at the Central Statistics Division, http://commerce.gov.mp/divisions/central-statistics/, and under Census Reports where the rest of the 2010 Census data are also located. ***(Office of the Governor)***

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Kyle Podziewski officially out as NMC faculty president

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Faculty members of the Northern Marianas College will soon be electing a new leader after Faculty Senate president Kyle Podziewski officially exited the institution last Saturday, Aug. 10.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, Podziewski said he and his family intend to stay on island.

"No, I will not be leaving the island. My wife and I owe a lease here with 52 years remaining and we have spent tens of thousands of dollars in renovating our house. We love it here and are here to stay," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Podziewski has been with the college for more than two years. He was chosen by his peers this year to be the Faculty Senate president, succeeding Amanda Angel-Diaz.

However, the college management decided not to renew his contract, together with another long-time instructional employee, Larry Lee.

Podziewski couldn't hide his frustration and disappointments yesterday over what he experienced and witnessed at the college.

"As an employee, I believe many of us go unappreciated and unrecognized. The administration ignores faculty and many of the faculty either don't care or are too afraid to stand up for themselves," he said. He cited as an example the recent approval of the new minimum faculty qualification that he said many affected faculty members allowed to happen for fear of speaking up about the issue.

As an instructor, Podziewski felt that he was able to set firm and clear standards for the courses he taught.

"I was continually surprised [by] the lack of academic rigor some instructors possess. The level and quality of work submitted by students reflected this, so many of them struggled with meeting my standards. I had continual disagreements with fellow instructors who believe that we instructors should not be responsible for correcting grammar and spelling errors because that should be done by the English Department," he added.

Podziewski was ironic when asked about his "legacy" as a short-term president of the NMC faculty.

"My legacy is the guy who got non-renewed because he spoke out too much. The irony is that everything that I have spoken out against has come true; policies going to the board without going through shared governance, the college not being reaffirmed, faculty being marginalized by the administration and the institution suffering as a whole due to a lack of leadership."

If there's one thing he wants to see for his peers, it is the courage to stand up for themselves.

"I would like the faculty to stand up for themselves and stop acting out of fear. I do not have high hopes for my successor because there are few who will be willing to participate in the Faculty Senate after seeing what has happened to me; the same is true for the Staff Senate, who have had trouble filling their vacancies."

$11M ARRA funds unspent yet

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The CNMI has yet to spend some $11 million of the total $119 million in ARRA money awarded to it since February 2009 and three of those projects have not even started as of June 30 this year.

Latest data from the federal tracking agency recovery.gov shows that from 2009 to June 2013, the CNMI has been awarded $119.039 million in ARRA money.

Of this amount, $107.839 million has been drawn down or spent.

The remaining $11 million has yet to be drawn down and this means the projects have yet to be completed—or even started shortly before the end of fiscal year 2013 on Sept. 30.

Both Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) have been expressing concerns that CNMI agencies may have been taking longer than expected to spend ARRA money.

But Sablan said the CNMI's ARRA money should be safe and they have already been obligated or that there is a waiver from the Dodd-Frank Act, even if the project has not started. He said the Dodd-Frank Act did say that ARRA funds "not obligated by the end of 2012 would go back to the U.S. Treasury."

Of the 56 ARRA projects identified, 35 or 63 percent have been completed as of June 30.

The other 12 projects have been 50 percent completed, while six projects are still less than 50 percent completed.

Three projects with over $4 million in ARRA funding, however, have not even started as of June 30.

ARRA money paid for hundreds of jobs in the CNMI, many of them at the Public School System. ARRA money also helped build and repair infrastructures and improve facilities in the CNMI and throughout the nation. Most of them involved road and energy-related projects.

ARRA, or the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, has so fair paid out almost $800 billion to U.S. states and territories, including the CNMI, since its enactment in February 2009.

The Obama administration's ARRA program was meant to jumpstart the economy, and create and save jobs.

CPA board to act soon on Rota airport manager's new contract

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The Commonwealth Ports Authority's board of directors is expected to decide on Friday whether to renew or not the contract of its airport manager on Rota. The board also reaffirmed its approval of $568,000 in supplemental funds for various seaport and airport projects.

Martin Mendiola's contract expiration was relayed to the board during its special meeting on Monday, but the board deferred the matter to Friday's meeting. Mendiola's one-year contract expired yesterday.

CPA named Mendiola as its seaport and airport manager on Rota in August last year after the former management fired long-time manager Thomas Manglona due to what many believed was a result of "politics in government."

Mendiola's was selected among three applicants for the post. He was given a $50,000 annual salary, similar to the airport and seaport managers on Saipan and Tinian.

Saipan Tribune learned that prior to serving CPA, Mendiola was the chief financial administrative officer of the Northern Marianas College and has held management positions in government, serving as resident Commerce director on Rota in 2005 and special assistant for projects for the Rota Mayor's Office in 2000, among other posts.

Approval reaffirmed

Also on Monday, the board reaffirmed its approval of a supplemental budget totaling $568,285 for 16 airport and seaport projects on three islands. The supplemental request will be funded by the agency's operating revenues.

A supplemental request is made for projects that run out of funds or was never budgeted in the first place or with no supplemental budget to support the expenditure.

Based on CPA records, the bulk of the supplemental request will go to the Saipan airport, which requested additional funding of $346,458. This amount includes legal fees of $194,296. The remaining funds are for repairs and maintenance of the baggage handling system and waterline repairs, $93,521; operation's repairs and maintenance, $15,500; and for official vehicle use, $43,141.

The Tinian airport will get the next highest amount of $162,918 for at least nine items, including utility cost amounting to $111,230; reader for its weather system, $5,000; supplies and materials for its firefighting unit, $27,000; supplies and materials for the terminal, $15,688; repairs and maintenance for the terminal, $2,000; and diesel fuel, $2,000.

The Rota airport will get $58,909 for the following purposes: professional services, $23,521; terminal maintenance and repairs, $10,995; official laptop computer with accessories, $1,700; and the department's vehicle use, $22,693.

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According to acting PSS human resource officer Lucretia Borja, many of the vacated posts are for secondary content areas.

Although only 11 have so far been recommended for hiring, Borja said that PSS has a "good pool" of applicants and she is optimistic that replacement posts will be filled by the time classes start on Sept. 3.

She assured that active recruitment is ongoing and positions are being re-announced.

Sablan disclosed that there are a total of 33 applicants in the "pool" as of last week but she's not sure what the pool consists of.

"Of the 30 posts, we need 19 more…but we just don't hire because we need to hire. We need to make sure that we follow the personnel process where we have to announce the position, establish the eligibility list, conduct interviews, recommendation, and the processing of contract," explained Sablan.

She hopes to at least hire 75 or 80 percent of what PSS needs before the opening of classes next month.

PSS sees an increase of up to 5 percent in its enrollment numbers each year. The school year that just ended had more than 10,000 students from kindergarten to high school.

The limited number of teachers in public schools, coupled with the recent postponement of the merger plan for the Gregorio T. Camacho and Tanapag elementary schools, is expected to create congestion in public school classrooms.

Sablan disclosed that Hopwood Junior High, for instance, will have the same number of students as last school year's, with the postponement of the plan to create a Tanapag Middle School to school year 2015. The new middle school is supposed to reduce Hopwood's population.

If there's a reduction to be seen at Hopwood, it would be the potential transfer of about 30 junior high students from San Roque areas to Chacha Oceanview Middle School, said Sablan.

"But next school year 2014-2015, it will be a different situation in Hopwood," she told *Saipan Tribune*.

Hopwood accommodates a yearly enrolment of over 1,300 against Chacha Oceanview's about 300.

Despite the postponement of the merger plan for Tanapag and GTC schools, Sablan believes that community members do not disagree with the middle school concept for public schools. She is convinced that the idea to pursue the plan this school year was criticized due to some concerns that were not properly considered in the initial plan.

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revenue-generating initiatives they can come up with.

So far, major House revenue-generating bills are pending at the Senate.

The governor said an administration-sponsored bill is now being drafted for the creation of this separate account for the 25 percent and interest payments, as well as possible timelines.

Inos pointed out that those who opt out of the settlement class will be "on their own," and there is no guarantee they could receive any portion of their pension.

"I'm staying on…I'm not opting out. The stakes are high if one opts out… You're at the mercy of whatever," Inos said, as he encouraged the crowd to "follow me."

Those who opt out will have to enforce their rights at their own expense.

If the people who exclude themselves from the settlement class—or those who opt out—have benefits equal to or exceeding 10 percent of the full benefits payable in fiscal year 2014, the settlement agreement will be void.

If the U.S. District Court does not grant final approval or if the settlement agreement otherwise fails, the parties will return to litigation of the case as it was on June 26, 2013, and proceed as if there were never a settlement agreement.

Balancing act

Active members, including Suzanne Lizama, repeatedly asked the governor to also protect active members.

"We can't leave you in limbo," Inos responded.

Inos answered a host of questions—including when will retirees get their full 100 percent pension after a 25-percent cut in October 2013, when will active members get the interest on their contributions, what will happen if retirees opt out of the settlement, why is it an across-the-board cut, and whether the Fund will be abolished later on.

"We—the counsels, the government, and the Fund—believe that we reached an agreement that will be beneficial to all the parties," Inos told the crowd at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe last night.

Toward the end of his response to one of the questions, the governor remarked, "Give me time and I will do it."

Some retirees in the crowd took that to mean the governor was also asking support for his gubernatorial candidacy in November 2014.

Minimum annual payments

Under the Betty Johnson-Fund-CNMI government settlement deal, the government is required to make annual payments to the settlement fund to sustain payments of 75 percent of full benefits to all class members.

In fiscal year 2014, for example, the government is required to remit $25 million to the Fund.

That is much more than the $10 million the government has set aside under the fiscal year 2013 budget.

Inos said the government will "do its best" to meet its obligations under the settlement fund, or they face a consent judgment of $779 million.

The governor was joined at the center table by assistant attorneys general Teresita Sablan and Reena Patel, along with acting Fund administrator Lilian Pangelinan and counsel Viola Alepuyo.

Most of what was explained last night were reiterations of previous statements about the settlement deal.

For example, the settlement agreement guarantees that class members will receive at least 75 percent of their full benefit payments. That's why there is a 25-percent deferred payment or temporary cut in pension.

The governor reiterated that because it is a class action suit, the pension cut will have to be applied across the board, and every member of the class has to be treated in the same manner.

At the town hall meeting, however, the governor said there is a way to "equalize" the unfairness of the across-the-board 25 percent cut, especially among those receiving only $6,000 in annual pension as opposed to those getting $100,000 a year.

He said those receiving the least amount of pension will get the full 100 percent of the 25-percent cut as soon as funds appropriated by the Legislature become available, while those getting the highest amount of pensions may not even be able to get what was cut.

House members showed up, as promised, led by House Speaker Joe Deleon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), along with vice speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan), Reps. Mario Taitano (Ind-Saipan), Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), Christopher Leon Guerrero (Cov-Saipan), Tony Agulto (Ind-Saipan), and Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan).

Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan) was the only senator present.

The government owes the Fund over $300 million in unremitted employer contribution.

'Settlement class'

Those considered part of the settlement class include current retirees, survivors of retirees, or active employees who are a member of the defined benefit plan and did not elect to terminate under Public Laws 17-82 and 18-2.

They will remain a part of the settlement class unless they submit a timely request for exclusion.

If these individuals want to be part of the settlement class, they do not need to do anything. They are automatically part of the settlement class if they fall under the definition of the class.

However, if they do not want to be part of the settlement class, they must deliver a written request to the Fund by 5pm on Sept. 20, 20134.

If they do not make a timely request for exclusion, they will be a member of the settlement class.

Class members who do not request exclusion will have an opportunity to oppose the final approval of the settlement agreement and to object to the class counsel's application for attorney's fees.

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forts to ensure proper competition with local vendors and that the taxes of off-island vendors are properly paid. Inos is a former CNMI Finance secretary.

Government officials and business representatives have raised concerns that the CNMI may have been losing out on taxes from off-island, unlicensed vendors that have bagged millions of dollars in government contracts for years, yet have not paid a single dime in local taxes.

Inos and Larson's statement, through press secretary Angel Demapan, follows a *Saipan Tribune* story that raises a longstanding request for clarification from the Division of Revenue and Taxation whether off-island vendors with government contracts are subject to both CNMI taxation and a CNMI business license.

In particular, the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. filed a request for declaratory ruling from Revenue and Taxation in May this year.

Acting CUC executive director Alan Fletcher believes that CUC may do business with entities that are not required to have business license. But to be sure of CUC's position, Fletcher filed a request for declaratory ruling with Revenue and Taxation.

CUC, which runs the CNMI power, water and wastewater systems, has several on-island and off-island vendors.

Fletcher asked that a declaratory ruling be issued within 30 days from May 20, 2013, "because the outcome of this petition impacts several impending contracts."

Yesterday—about three months since Fletcher raised the issue—the administration, through a statement, provided clarification on the CNMI's business license requirements, especially with respect to government vendors.

The administration said that under Inos and Larson's direction, "the Commonwealth has tightened its business licensing programs."

'CNMI protections'

One of the recurring issues the CNMI government is faced with is whether a single sale of an item from an off-island vendor represents conducting business in the Commonwealth for purposes of taxation.

While there is no black and white answer to this, the administration said that Revenue and Taxation "has adopted a policy that extends tax authority to those entities whose sales are such that they have purposely availed themselves of the protections and benefits of the Commonwealth such that the extension of tax authority and licensing would be reasonable and foreseeable."

This is not a simple standard, but an order from a CNMI resident placed with an Internet vendor would probably avoid gross revenue taxation and business licensing under this standard.

"In contrast, off-island vendors who have a single large government transaction, especially if it is by way of a bid, would probably be subject to taxation and licensing depending on the particular facts and circumstances," the administration said.

Millions worth of contracts

In CUC's case, the Division of Revenue and Taxation has identified several large long-term vendors who have received millions of dollars of government contracts that had not been paying gross revenue taxes or obtained business licenses.

"Long-term, large scale government vendors clearly are receiving the benefits and protections of the Commonwealth and should foresee the incursion of associated tax liability," the administration said.

The administration also said the exclusion of these types of vendors from tax liability is contrary to law and undermines basic issues of fairness to local vendors who are required to obtain licenses and pay their taxes.

"The argument that this merely increases CUC costs and will be passed on to the consumers is invalid as all vendors build into their cost structure payment of associated tax liability as part of business operations," it said.

The administration also said that the CNMI tax structure—with its various rebates and exemptions—is extremely lenient, "and any claims of improper taxation are generally without merit."

"The bottom line is that off-island vendors who are purposely promoting their products in the Commonwealth, competing with local vendors, or entering into large scale or repeated government contracts, must obtain business licenses and pay the small tax liability associated with this commerce," the administration added.

One of CUC's contractors, the Guam-based Endeavour Inspection Services LLC, for example, has bagged three contracts from CUC totaling over $300,000 since 2011.

Endeavour Inspection's contracts are miniscule compared to other CUC contractors from off-island who got millions worth of contracts in a span of years.

Endeavour Inspection Services chief operating officer Mark Matthys said the company has been reviewing the matter and is considering applying for and obtaining a CNMI business license.

Commonwealth law

Under Commonwealth law, all agencies engaged in business in the Commonwealth are required to obtain a business license (4 CMC § 5611).

There are two main purposes for requiring business license.

First, to ensure that consumers can identify the responsible parties that are providing goods and services to the community.

Second, to ensure that these businesses are paying all appropriate taxes.

It is this latter issue that CUC is objecting to—the payment of taxes, the administration said.

Commonwealth law imposes a tax on the gross revenue of business activity conducted in the Commonwealth ("Gross Revenue Tax", 4 CMC § 1301).

The administration said the term "gross revenue" for tax purposes is defined to include the total amount of money or the value of any consideration without deduction for any expenses (4 CMC § 1003(j)).

This broad definition includes selling real or personal property and performing services (4 CMC 1003(j)).

The CNMI government does not have readily available data as to the total number of current and past off-island based contractors without valid business licenses and have not paid CNMI taxes.

It is therefore hard to determine the tax amounts the CNMI government may have not been able to collect from these vendors.

Procurement and Supply director Herman Sablan earlier said that "a business license is required only after a contract is executed—signed by all parties including the contractor." But he pointed out that CUC handles its own procurement regulations.

Department of Public Works Secretary Martin Sablan said yesterday that the administration's statement about business licensing and taxation, based on law, should be clear enough for everyone to follow.

As for DPW, which has also been contracting with on-island and off-island vendors, Sablan said that it has always required its vendors to secure a CNMI business license and pay taxes.

CUC has yet to respond to follow up questions whether it would start requiring its off-island contractors to secure a business license and pay CNMI taxes.

A CNMI general business license fee is $50. That has not changed in at least 31 years while the costs associated with processing business licenses have increased.

Some lawmakers previously attempted to increase the cost of CNMI business license fees but the proposals were thumbed down.

Honolulu lawyer wants a bite of Johnson's settlement pie

By FERDIE DE LA TORRE
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REPORTER

A Honolulu lawyer wants to get a share of the settlement pie in Betty Johnson's class action against the NMI Retirement Fund and the CNMI government.

Attorney Jared A. Washkowitz informed the U.S. District Court for the NMI yesterday that he rendered 19.7 hours of legal services worth $6,205.50 to then unnamed plaintiffs.

One of the unnamed plaintiffs was later disclosed as Johnson.

Washkowitz, of Jaw Legal firm, filed a notice of attorney's lien in Johnson's case. He asserted a lien against any settlement, judgment, or other recovery in the case in the amount of $6,205.50. He said his hourly rate is $315 an hour.

Washkowitz said his services were retained to help the plaintiffs obtain a dismissal of the appeal by the CNMI government and the Fund to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals.

He said the argument that he raised in the motion to dismiss was denied without prejudice, but the argument was again raised by the plaintiffs in their opening brief.

The lawyer said the appellate court ultimately accepted the argument when it was raised again in the appellate brief, and the appeal was dismissed.

"I respectfully submit that the factual and procedural history of this matter was complex and that the services performed by me on behalf of the plaintiffs were reasonable and necessary in order to clarify the issues on appeal and obtain eventual dismissal of the appeal on behalf of plaintiffs," he said.

Washkowitz claims to have 13 years of litigation experience and to have practiced with law firms in Miami, Los Angeles San Francisco, and Honolulu.

Last week, U.S. District Court for the NMI designated judge Frances Tydingco-Gatewood tentatively approved the settlement agreement in Johnson's class action. The judge suspended all proceedings in the lawsuit.

High court denies lawyer's bid to withdraw as counsel of man appealing his conviction

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REPORTER

The CNMI Supreme has denied attorney Mark B. Hanson's motion to withdraw as court-appointed counsel for Angel J. Santos, a man who was sentenced to 15 years in prison for his role in the kidnapping and rape of a then 16-year-old student in Kagman in 2010.

In denying the lawyer's motion to withdraw, high court justices ruled that the record in the case raises at least one issue meriting further development. The high court's order was signed by Chief Justice Alexandro C. Castro, and Associate Justices John A. Manglona and Perry B. Inos.

Santos was one of four men arrested in connection with the kidnapping and rape case. He pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit sexual assault in the first degree as part of a plea deal. In exchange five other charges would be dropped, he would testify against his co-conspirators, and would get a sentence of between 10 and 20 years.

Several months later but before he could be sentenced, Santos submitted a motion to withdraw his guilty plea after the Commonwealth dismissed the charges against his co-conspirators: Joseph Camacho Jr., Alfred P. Hocog, and Ivan Jones Castro.

The trial court denied the motion and sentenced him according to the terms of his plea bargain.

Santos appealed.

The justices said that Santos' opposition to that denial boils down to asking for something that they would all like on occasion: "a do-over based on the benefit of hindsight."

"In other words, he [Santos] argues his plea should be set aside because he would not have pled guilty had he known the Commonwealth would eventually dismiss the case against his three co-defendants," the justices said.

In his appeal, Santos' counsel, Hanson, filed an Anders brief, which contained two parts: Santos' opening brief and counsel's motion to withdraw.

An Anders brief refers to a brief filed by a criminal defendant's court-appointed attorney who wants to withdraw from the case on appeal, based on the belief that the appeal is frivolous.

In the high court's ruling on Friday, the justices said that Hanson's motion requires them to determine whether a court-appointed counsel may withdraw from a representation if counsel believes the appeal is wholly frivolous; and, if so, what procedure counsel must follow in order to withdraw.

The justices said that Hanson's Anders brief represents the collision of two competing concerns: an indigent defendant's right to an advocate and his counsel's duty as a judicial officer to refrain from making frivolous arguments.

The justices said that under Rule 32(d) of the NMI Rules of Criminal Procedure, a defendant may submit a motion to withdraw a plea before a sentence is imposed or after sentencing if the sentence has been suspended or to correct manifest injustice.

Both Rule 32(d) and their jurisprudence, however, are silent as to the standard the court must apply in making that decision, the justices said.

In contrast, under federal rules, a defendant must show a "fair and just reason" for the withdrawal, they said.

The justices said that silence as to the proper standard, as well as potentially relevant interpretations of this federal rule, raise colorable claims.

For example, the justices said, should the Commonwealth follow the old federal rule, which Rule 32 is closely patterned after; adopt the current federal standard, which resolved a circuit split in the old standard; or create a new test?

"If we retain the old federal rule, which circuit should we follow? If we apply the current federal rule, did the trial court abuse its discretion by failing to find that the Commonwealth's decision to dismiss the charges against Santos' co-defendants prior to Santos' sentencing constituted an intervening circumstance? If we craft a new standard, what should it be and how should it apply in this case?" the justices said.

Superior Court associate judge David Wiseman in December 2010 dismissed without prejudice the case against Santos' co-conspirators at the request of the Office of the Attorney General, after the results of a DNA test turned up inconclusive.

According to Santos, it was Camacho, Hocog, and Castro who abducted and then raped the girl. His claimed that his participation was merely as the lookout.

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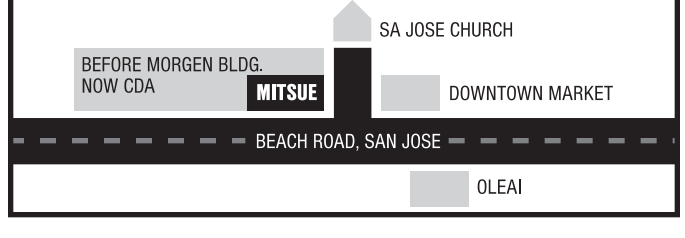

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Division of Historic Preservation Office under the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs hereby give notice that a regular meeting of the Historic Preservation Review Board will be held on August 23, 2013 at 12:00 p.m. at the Office on Aging "Man'amko Center".

The following items are on the agenda for the above-referenced meeting:

AGENDA

I PRELIMINARY MATTERS
1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Adoption of Minutes

II PUBLIC COMMENTS

III REPORTS
1. Secretary's Report
2. Field Reports (Saipan/Tinian/Rota)

IV OLD BUSINESS
1. Section 106 Military Development/Responses
2. Recommendations from Board on Section 106 Communications

V NEW BUSINESS
1. Budget FY 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013
2. Policy Matters
3. Appointment of Special Advisory Committee
4. Board Trainings Re: Section 106 "Essential & Advanced Courses"

VI OTHER MATTERS
1. Reports on New Proposal on Military Development on Tinian and Pagan
2. Proposed Projects on Fiscal Year 2013 Budget
3. Discussion on Signage/Fencing on Established Historical Sites (Rota-Water Cave)
4. Miscellaneous

VII ADJOURNMENT

/s/ Tom Glenn A. Quitugua
Chairman of the Board

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
NORTHERN MARIANAS HOUSING CORPORATION

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC Conference Room, Garapan, Saipan has been postponed until further notice.

/s/MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

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Olopai shares how ice cream got to Saipan

Rope of Tradition author Lino Olopai told his tale on how ice cream was first introduced to the islands during the first week of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's hosting of various cultural activities last Saturday.

It was a sort of preview for a book Olopai is planning to write. His oral storytelling narrated how a boy and his family went to Yap and got to taste ice cream for the first time. He loved it so much that he eventually brought back some ice cream when he flew back to Saipan.

Olopai also talked about a boy who didn't like listening to his mother and how he eventually got lost in the jungle for his misdeeds.

Aside from Olopai's colorful and descriptive narratives, the 32 young and not-so-young participants of Saturday's cultural activities also took part in bead-making and flower-making.

Bo Yamada and her sister Rosemarie and Tia Mendiola served as instructors for the arts and crafts segment of the cultural activities.

The cultural activities at JKPL continue this Saturday, Aug. 17, from 12pm to 2pm, and throughout all Saturdays in August.

JKPL Children's Library associate Erlinda Naputi said that Olopai will return to serve as the morning's read-aloud guest this Saturday and, if flowers are available, the program will also have *mwar*-making in the arts and crafts agenda.

These activities are made possible in partnership with the NMI Motheread Program through a DCCA Community Service Block Grant. All programs are free of charge.

For more information, visit the public library during regular hours, Tuesday to Friday, from 10am to 6pm; and Saturday, from 9am to 4pm. The library is closed on Sunday, Monday and holidays. Call the library at 235-7316 or 7322, or visit its website, http://www.cnmilibrary.com. ***(Mark Rabago)***

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Author and cultural preservationist Lino Olopai shares his story of how ice cream was introduced to Saipan as several children listen intently at the start of Joeten-Kiyu Public Library's cultural activities on Saturday.

Lecture on Marianas Trench Monument today

The lecture series organized by the 12th Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council and Joeten-Kiyu Public Library continues today with the topic "Marianas Trench Marine Monument."

The topic is timely in light of the U.S. Air Force's proposed militarization of Pagan and its plan to expand its air space on Farallon de Mendinilla from the current 3 nautical miles to 12 nautical miles. The Marianas Trench runs parallel to the Northern Islands.

JKPL executive director John Oliver Gonzales said that today's lecture series will have four speakers: Dennis Chan, Ike Cabrera, Benigno Sablan, and John Gourley.

Chan was born and raised on Saipan. He is a graduating student from University of Guam and his connection to the Marianas Trench is his book *Our Northern Islands, 2010*, which he wrote after a visit to the Northern Islands as part of his prize in a local contest.

Cabrera, meanwhile, is the former director of the Division of Environmental Quality and was one of the staunchest supporters of Pew Environment Group's efforts to have the Marianas Trench Monument created.

Sablan was appointed by former CNMI governor Benigno R. Fitial to serve in the advisory board of the Marianas Trench Monument, while Gourley represents Marianas Conservation.

The lecture on the Marianas Trench Monument will be a post-mortem reflection of the declaration of the Marianas Trench Marine National Monument by President Bush in 2009 and whether or not the purpose, mission, goals, and objectives of the monument have been met and to what extent they have been achieved and what remains to be achieved.

The speakers will also be asked to reflect on how the establishment of the monument has played out four years after its creation.

Aside from the Municipal Council and JKPL, the ethnocentric lecture series is also being supported by the NMI Humanities Council, Historic Preservation Office, and CNMI Museum.

Gonzales earlier said the purpose of the lecture series is to document the speakers and lecturers and then mass produce the material for distribution to CNMI elementary schools, junior high schools, high schools, and even at the Northern Marianas College. ***(Mark Rabago)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN RE THE MATTER OF THE APPOINTMENT OF Gerald Eugene Weaver AS GUARDIAN OF THE ESTATE OF: T. L. M. W. (d.o.b. 04/14/2004) And G. J. M. W. (d.o.b. 08/13/2005) Minor Children by Gerald Eugene Weaver Petitioner	**FCD GU CIVIL ACTION NO. 13-0370** **NOTICE OF HEARING**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian for the estate of the above-named minor children by Gerald Eugene Weaver, Petitioner, was filed with the above-entitled Honorable Court. A HEARING of said petition for Guardianship will be held at the above-entitled Honorable Court at Superior Court before the Honorable Kenneth L. Govendo on the 5th day of September, 2013 at 10:30 A.M. or soon as thereafter.

Patrick V. Diaz
Clerk of Court
/s/ Deputy Clerk of Court

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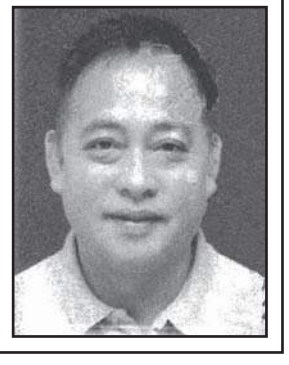

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Job Vacancy No. 13-046
Opening Date: Wednesday, August 07, 2013
Closing Date: Wednesday, August 21, 2013

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS SPECIALIST

DUTIES: Under the overall supervision of the division manager or his/her designee, the incumbents duties and responsibilities are as follows: Responsible for performing paraprofessional financial related duties. May supervise lower level staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff are trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations. Performs paraprofessional financial support activities to include: researches, collects, analyzes, and reconciles billing information from disputed accounts. Compiles documents to prepare billing adjustments and completes documents to support adjustments. Prepares written responses to customers of approved dispute resolutions. Initiates telephone contact and maintains proper follow up with customers. Tracks and reviews pending service orders for filed investigations. Assists in the preparation of variety of reports to and from internal departments that will assist in effectively resolving customer disputes in a timely manner. Establishes and maintains positive interactions with internal departments to resolve customer disputes timely. Assists in the preparation and reviews of required documents for Administrative Hearings. Performs other duties of a similar nature or level.

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CONTRACT: Not contracted.

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Position: **(2) Housekeeping Cleaner**
Salary: $5.55 per hour
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NOTICE OF ZONING BOARD PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Amendment to the Official Saipan Zoning Map (Rezone)
For Alexander Realty & Development

The Commonwealth Zoning Board is seeking your comments on the following proposed amendment (rezone) to the Official Saipan Zoning Map. Mr. Roy Alexander is requesting to rezone lots 330-4, 330-R2, 330-3, and 330-2 from "Village Commercial" to "Tourist Resort", for the construction and operation of a hotel with commercial space units. These areas are located across from the former Mobil Gas station in Oleai, and north of Kilili Beach Park.

A public hearing will be held on:

Date: Thursday, August 22, 2013
Time: 5:00 pm
Place: Zoning Office conference room, 2nd floor, Joeten Dandan Bldg.

Comments on the proposal may be submitted orally or in writing at the public hearing. Written comments may be submitted directly to the Zoning Office before 4:30 pm, August 21, 2013. Please send written comments via e-mail to staff@zoning.gov.mp, via US mail to Caller Box 10007, Saipan, MP 96950, or deliver them to the Zoning Office, 2nd floor, Joeten Building, DanDan, Saipan.

For questions or access to materials to be considered at the public hearing, or if you require assistance, please contact Therese T. Ogumoro at 234-9661. This notice is provided pursuant to Public Law 6-32, as amended (2 CMC 7201, et seq.) and the Saipan Zoning Law of 2008.

/s/ Diego C. Blanco, Chairman

GTC library fails to get CDBG funds

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REPORTER

The long-awaited renovation, repair, and extension of the dilapidated library at the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School may not happen as expected this year following disclosure that the project failed to get the target federal assistance from the Northern Marianas Housing Corp.

Ada

Marylou Ada, who chairs the Board of Education's capital improvement projects committee, disclosed this to *Saipan Tribune*, citing a formal letter addressed to Education Commissioner Rita A. Sablan, Ed.D., from NMHC that disapproves the project proposal.

NMHC administers the federal Community Development Block Grant, or CDBG, which is funded every year to support capital improvement projects in the Commonwealth.

Ada told *Saipan Tribune* that although NMHC had intended to award funds for the school project, the approval was stymied after discovery that it may not comply with federal requirements.

"GTC came forward and asked for consideration for the extension of its library. And because there was an intent [by NMHC] to award, they had to go out and conduct an environmental assessment. It was found out that because GTC is located in a flood zone, CDBG monies cannot be used [for the project]," explained Ada.

GTC is expected to accommodate a bigger number of students next school year, 2014-2015, when the merger plan for GTC and Tanapag Elementary School is officially implemented. From the usual over 200 students, the campus will become home to 338 students from kindergarten to 5th grade once the merger is enforced.

Due to this expected increase in students at the GTC campus, Ada said the CIP committee will explore all other avenues to fund the library project for the school.

She disclosed that the library needs to have its leaking roof and dilapidated walls fixed, in additional to buying more books and materials for students.

If federal funds are not allowed for these purposes, Ada said she will make sure that local and other funding sources will be tapped to realize the project. Among these alternative sources is the interest on the general obligation bond that PSS is using for many of its school projects.

"We have to make sure that they have adequate supply of materials and our library has to function up to par. Now that we have one year to plan [for the merger], we will make sure that when students enter GTC they are fully equipped and we will look for alternative funding sources for it," assured Ada.

Veterans' benefits outreach on Saipan, Tinian

Lee Stahli from the U.S. Department of Veterans Benefits Outreach Office in Guam will be on Saipan and Tinian to conduct a Federal Veterans Benefits Outreach. He will entertain all inquires on old and new VA disability claims, including all other VA benefits questions.

Stahli will be on Tinian on Aug. 20, 2013, from 9am to 4pm, at the Tinian Mayor's Office conference room.

He will be on Saipan on Aug. 21 and Aug. 23, from 8:30am to 4pm, at the Saipan VA Outreach Clinic, Suite 206 (second floor) at the Marina Heights Business Park, MHII Bldg. Appointments and walk-ins are all welcome.

All veterans and their family members are being encouraged to avail of these services. Point of contact is Ruth Coleman, Saipan VA Clinic coordinator, at 322-0035 or 989-8999. ***(PR)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-022

SALARY ADMINISTRATION PROGRAM

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation, Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified consultant or consulting firm to review and revise the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation's current Salary Administration Program (SAP), including the development of a performance management rating and payment system.

The RFP package and the scope-of-work may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $ 100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference will be held on **August 8, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-RFP-13-022, Salary Administration Program", to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 27, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

All Offeror are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the Offeror due to lack of information or understanding of the proposal requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a proposal or supply under the contract.

The RFP does not commit CUC to award a contract, to pay any cost incurred in the preparation of the proposal under this request, or to procure or contract for services.

Offerors will also be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed as per the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing no later than **August 12, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Frankie Cepeda, CUC Human Resource Manager via email frankie.cepeda@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all offers and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Acting Executive Director

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-024

TANK # 103, 120 & ISO TANKS CLEANING AT CUC POWER PLANT NO. 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified firms for the Tank Nos. 103, 120 & ISO Tank Cleaning at CUC Power Plant, Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The "CUC" or "Corporation" currently operates multiple diesel engine generators at its Power Plant Nos. 1 and No. 2, Lower Base, Saipan, CNMI. The CUC is soliciting proposals from experienced contractors or specialist firms experienced in the cleaning of fuel storage tanks up to 1 M USG capacity.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) and the United States District Court entered into a Stipulated Order Number Two (SO No. 2) for Preliminary Injunctive Relief under Civil Case No. CV 08-0051 (Section 1.1). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filed the civil action seeking injunctive relief under the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This work shall satisfy the requirement in Section IV, Oil Spill Prevention and Preparedness, Paragraphs # 28 Tank System Integrity Testing Work plan and Implementation for CUC Power plants 1 and 2 Integrity Inspection Program. The Power Plants 1 and 2 are located at the Lower Base Industrial Area near Saipan seaport, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). It is the corporations' desire to undertake cleaning of the Bulk tank # 103, as soon the new tank #102 under construction is commissioned:

The work shall be done in two phases:
- **Phase 1 - Tank #103 (840,000 gal.)**
- **Phase 2 – Miscellaneous tanks – Tank # 120 (20,000 gal.) & ISO tanks, 2 ea. – 6,350 gal.**

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference followed by a site visit, will be held on **August 12, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Power Plant No. 1 Conference Room in Lower Base, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"TANK # 103, 120 & ISO TANKS CLEANING AT CUC POWER PLANT 1, SAIPAN",** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 29, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged CUC and US EPA. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

This Request for Proposal does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of proposals in anticipation of a contract. This RFP and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than **August 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Venugopal Prabhakara, CUC Power Generation Acting TMO via email address venugopal.prabhakara@cucgov.org.

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Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CUC-RFP-13-025

TANK 103 OUT OF SERVICE (API 653) INSPECTION AT POWER PLANT NO. 1, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed proposals from qualified and experienced engineering and certified specialist firms for the out of service inspection and integrity testing of the above ground oil storage tank (AST) # 103 and connected pipeline within the secondary containment at CUC Power Plant No. 1 in Lower Base, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) and the United States District Court entered into a Stipulated Order Number Two (SO No. 2) for Preliminary Injunctive Relief under Civil Case No. CV 08-0051 (Section 1.1). The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) filed the civil action seeking injunctive relief under the Clean Water Act (CWA), and the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA). This work shall satisfy the requirement in Section IV, Oil Spill Prevention and Preparedness, Paragraphs # 28 Tank System Integrity Testing Work plan and Implementation for CUC Power plants 1 and 2 Integrity Inspection Program. The Power Plants 1 and 2 are located at the Lower Base Industrial Area near Saipan seaport, in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The inspection is expected to be in two phases:
1. ***Out of service pre-repair inspection after tank cleaning, and***
2. ***Final tank inspection after performing the necessary repairs based on the scope of work developed during Phase 1.***

The RFP package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $50.00 for one set from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Proposal Conference followed by a site visit, will be held on **August 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)** at the CUC Power Plant No. 1 Conference Room in Lower Base, Saipan.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"TANK 103 OUT OF SERVICE (API 653) INSPECTION AT POWER PLANT NO. 1, SAIPAN"**, to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **August 30, 2013 at 10:00 AM (ChST)**. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

Selection procedure shall be in full compliance with CUC Procurement Regulations. Contract will be awarded to the most responsive proposers, as adjudged CUC and US EPA. CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and waive any imperfection in the Request for Proposal in the interest of the government. All proposals shall become the property of CUC.

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Senator applauds IT&E corporate citizenship

» Telecom firm provides Internet connection again to libraries

Once again, IT&E will provide wireless broadband service to Guam's public library branches in Agat, Dededo, Barrigada, Merizo and Yona. The service will be provided free-of-charge for one year. The donation is part of IT&E's outreach program to stimulate broadband services.

Sen. Aline A. Yamashita, Ph.D., will present a resolution to IT&E tomorrow, Aug. 14, 2013, at the Nieves M. Flores Memorial Library in Hagåtña to honor and thank IT&E for their contributions to Guam public libraries.

" Providing the opportunity to prosper to all families is important and by equipping our public libraries—a place where all are encouraged to be—helps this cause," Yamashita said. "IT&E continues to be a superb corporate citizen as their reliable community leadership heightens opportunities for all families."

Yamashita said that broadband is no longer a luxury in people's lives as it is used everyday and in every aspect delivering not only entertainment and connections to family and friends, but information and lifelines between individuals and health, social, educational, and emergency services. ***(PR)***

Larry Lee back for JKPL ukulele lessons

Renowned ukulele strummer and former Northern Marianas College instructor Larry Lee will be back to nurture the burgeoning musical talents of enrollees of the 2013 Summer Ukulele Lessons at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library.

Children's Library associate Erlina Naputi said only 15 have so far enrolled for the ukulele classes, set twice a week from Aug. 13 to Aug. 29 at the JKPL Children of our Homeland Library.

Students who passed the second level of Lee's previous ukulele class will be able to register for the intermediate class, while new students or those who want to refresh their ukulele skills can register for the beginner's class.

Of the 15 sign-ups, Naputi said that seven are enrolled in the beginners' class and eight will be studying in the intermediate level.

The ukulele classes are open to children 8 years or older and adults and encompasses eight hours. It costs $50 and will be held from 4pm to 5:30pm every Tuesday and Thursday.

Naputi said the ukulele class' minimum enrollment is 15 students but it can accommodate as much as 40. Registration is on a first-come, first-paid basis.

Students must provide their own ukuleles and a folder to hold music sheets (Plastic sheet protectors and a three-ring binder are recommended). Those without instruments can also borrow one from the library free of charge.

Parents and guardians must also fill a liability waiver form on behalf of their participating children and must adhere to public library policies and procedures.

Deadline to register for the 2013 Summer Ukulele Lessons is Tuesday, Aug. 20.

For more information about the 2013 summer ukulele class, visit the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library in Susupe or call 235-7316 or 235-7322-23, fax 235-7550. ***(Mark Rabago)***

Water outage today in Danda, Fina Sisu, Kannat Tabla

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the residents of Dandan (Airport Road), Fina Sisu (Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road), and Kannat Tabla (Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road) that a nine-hour water outage is scheduled for today, Aug. 14, 2013, from 8am to 5pm.

The purpose of this water outage is to allow CUC's contractor, GPPC Inc., to make service lateral connections on Airport Road. This project is part of the San Vicente Service Area Extension Project.

The water outage today will affect residents living on Chalan Tun Herman Pan Rd. (Airport Rd.), Fina Sisu residents living along Chalan Msgr. Martinez Road, and Kannat Tabla residents living along Chalan Msgr. Guerrero Road. CUC encourages its customers to call the CUC Call Center at (670) 235-0282 or 235-2282 if you have any complaints in regards to no water or low pressure water as GPPC Inc. transfers CUC's existing customers from the old 8-inch ACP waterline to the new 12-inch PVC waterline.

CUC's operations team and GPPC, Inc. will be working hard to return service to our customers in these affected areas as soon as possible. Because of the scale of the work to be performed, CUC recommends that motorists take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the construction sites.

CUC apologizes in advance for any inconvenience resulting from this project and the water service interruption. Direct inquiries to project manager Yvonne Cabrera at (670) 235-7025-30 Ext. 324. ***(CUC)***

USCIS changes call routing procedures

USCIS is changing call routing procedures at the National Customer Service Center to provide faster and more efficient service.

Beginning Aug. 16, attorneys and BIA-accredited representatives who need assistance with their client's case can quickly connect with an NCSC customer service representative, who will send the inquiry to the appropriate USCIS office for resolution. Under this new process, the customer service representative will assess the nature of the call and either accept a service request or transfer the call for more in-depth review.

This change will improve the management of calls and reduce wait times to provide timely, individualized customer service to all USCIS customers and their representatives.

As always, USCIS offers its customers a number of online self-help tools. Applicants and their representatives can check case status, find average processing times, submit a case status inquiry (e-Request), change their address or find a USCIS office any time on the USCIS website at www.uscis.gov. ***(USCIS)***

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

Coastal Resources Management

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION

August 14, 2013

THE FOLLOWING IS A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF COASTAL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY THE CRM OFFICES:

APPLICANT	DATE APPLICATION RECEIVED	APPLICATION PROJECT DESCRIPTION	LOCATION	TYPE	STATUS
1. Capital Improvement Project	06/14/2013 SMS-201-X-049	Kalebera Cave Development	Marpi	Major Siting	Approved (08/13/2013)*
2. Tasi Homes Development, LLC.	05/29/2013 SMS-2013-X-031	Eight Storey Apartment Building	Sugar Dock, Susupe	Major Siting	Certified Complete (08/13/2013)
3. Surfrider Resort, LLC	06/28/2013 SMS-98-X-070 (2013 Amend)	Surfrider Resort, Spa & Beach	Chalan Kanoa	Amendment	Approved (08/13/2013)*
4. Adonis I. Santos	07/16/2013 SPIm-2013-X-052	Clearing	Lower Basse	Ports & Industrial APC	Under Review
5. Andrey Polishchuck	07/19/2013 SSm-2013-X-053	Three Storey Commercial Bldg	Garapan	Shoreline APC	Under Review
6. Pacific Inc Dba Ocean Star	07/25/2013 SPIm-2013-X-054	Dry Dock	Lower Base	Ports & Industrial APC	Approved (07/29/2013)*

Publication of the above list is in accordance with CRM Regulations, which require all permit applications to be published in a local newspaper within 15 days of receipt of application. The list reflects recently received permit applications and those with a recent change in status. New applications are marked with an asterisk (*).

The Public is invited to submit written comments regarding any of the above projects for which a permit decision has not been issued. All permit comments should identify the project by application number. Your comments should be mailed or hand-delivered to the CRM Office. All persons who desire a public hearing regarding any project may do so by submitting a written request for a public hearing to the CRM Office within fourteen (14) days for minor permits (APC's) and proposed amended major sitings. Public Hearings are required for all new major siting projects. All public hearing notices are published in a local newspaper of general circulation. Residents of Rota and Tinian may submit comments and hearing requests to their local CRM Coordinator. Persons wishing to retain the right to appeal a CRM Permit decision must file a notice of appeal with the CRM office within thirty (30) days of the issuance of the CRM permit decision as provided in Part 200 § 15-10-235 of the CRM Regulations.

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

August 14, 2005

Senate asks for free water

The Senate has adopted a resolution asking Gov. Juan N. Babauta to authorize the Saipan Mayor's Office get free water from the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. for distribution to residents and farmers who have no access to water. Sen. Joseph Mendiola said Senate Resolution 14-56 passed during a session on Tinian last week. "It [resolution] is asking the governor to have the mayor to continue to distribute water for free to people who don't have access to it. It was clarified during the session that it's only for those who have no access to water," said Mendiola.

House minority eyes solution to surcharge

House minority leader Arnold I. Palacios said his group is undertaking a study on how to properly address the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. funding woes, particularly relating to the fuel cost. "We need to sit down with CUC. We have to look at the recommendations of experts," said Palacios, adding that there are a number of options that can be pursued to ease the financial burden on consumers. He said there is a proposal to sequester funds from the budget or earmark certain taxes to pay off the fuel surcharge. He said there are discussions of possible subsidy on the fuel surcharge of up to 2,000 kilowatt hour.

August 14, 2006

'Tree caused chain reaction'

"It was a chain reaction." Thus stated Commonwealth Utilities Corp. spokesperson Pamela Mathis yesterday in explaining how one big flame tree that fell on power lines in Sadog Tasi triggered an islandwide power outage on Saipan over the weekend. The power outage began Saturday at 1:25pm when the flame tree fell. By 12:40am Sunday power supply was totally back on the island, Mathis told the Saipan Tribune. Mathis said the flame tree across a road in Sadog Tasi fell, hitting the primary electrical system and landing on a guardhouse where three people were inside. One of the three security guards in the guardhouse of a private property sustained a leg injury. The tree also landed on two parked vehicles. One was a total loss while the second one sustained dents only.

Condition of crash survivors improves

The plane crash survivor who was earlier reported in critical condition is now in better shape, with his condition downgraded to serious, while the six others are now considered stable, according to the Department of Public Health yesterday. DPH Secretary Joseph Kevin Villagomez said the patient who was reported in critical condition underwent a second surgery over the weekend and is now off the ventilator at the Commonwealth Health Center. "He is alert and oriented and is expected to recover and, barring further complications, will be transported to Japan later this week," said Villagomez in a patient update report.

August 14, 2007

New election districts for thousands of voters

Thousands of voters will have to vote in a different district this election as a result of the court-ordered redistricting of Saipan. Gregorio Sablan, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said about 85 percent of the total voters can be assigned their new election districts automatically. But the remaining 15 percent who live around the district boundaries will require more work. CEC personnel have to analyze their residence location and transfer them one by one to the new district. According to Sablan, there are over 18,000 active and inactive voters in the CEC database. It is not known yet how many voters will fall under each district.

Tight security at federalization hearing

Security at the Judicial Complex in Susupe will be tightened during tomorrow's field hearing by the U.S. House Subcommittee on Insular Affairs on a bill proposing the extension of federal immigration laws to the CNMI. Department of Public Safety spokesperson Lei Ogumoro told Saipan Tribune yesterday that DPS will deploy all its uniformed police officers and the elite Tactical Response Enforcement Team to put into effect the necessary safety and security measures. "The security at the judicial court will definitely be elevated. It will be tightened," Ogumoro said.

Another foreign corp. tax bill introduced

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REPORTER

House Ways and Means Committee chair Rep. Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan) has introduced a foreign corporation tax bill over a year after a similar bill offered by his predecessor was vetoed for the second time last year, both for violating both the Covenant between the CNMI and the United States and the U.S. tax laws in the NMI Territorial Income Tax.

Sablan's House Bill 18-104 creates a tax rate for foreign corporations earning income from outside the CNMI.

The bill, just like its two predecessors introduced in the previous Legislature, encourages foreign persons to establish a company in the CNMI and by shifting their income to the Commonwealth, pay a lower tax on their income from foreign operations.

Such businesses currently do not engage in business or investment activity in the CNMI.

"The tax on company income from foreign operations would be a new source of income to the Commonwealth. If the company does engage in business activity in the Commonwealth, the income from the local business activity would be subject to the regular Commonwealth taxes," the bill partly reads.

The Covenant Section 602 allows the CNMI to rebate local taxes.

The method and amount of the taxes to be rebated, and the definition of income derived from sources within the CNMI is within the CNMI's discretion to determine.

HB 18-104 says this is necessary to stay competitive with the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico, both of which have implemented similar programs to attract new investment.

Sablan, in his bill, said on Jan. 12, 2011, House members met with business community members to recommend legislative action that could improve the business and economic environment and this bill was selected as one to be given legislative priority.

The 18th Legislature is pressed to come up with revenue-generating bills to help prolong the NMI Retirement Fund's lifespan and help pay into retirees' deferred pension that could be implemented shortly, along with the need to fund public health, public safety, and education services.

Bank's calendar photo contest deadline

HAGATNA, Guam—The Bank of Guam said yesterday that its 2014 Calendar Photography Contest is now underway.

Contest guidelines are as follows:

Theme: Native Wildlife: Land and Sea

Medium: Minimum 4"X6" print in color or black and white. For digital photos, please copy to a CD and include a printed copy of the photo.

Eligibility: Open to all registered high school students through Guam, the CNMI, Republic of Palau, the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands. Photos must be taken within these regions and certified by the student.

Deadline: Friday, Oct. 11, 2013

Cash prizes will be awarded to the cover photo ($250) and each month's photo ($150). Each student is limited to two photo entries each. Entry forms are available at all high schools, Bank of Guam branches, and its website www.bankofguam.com.

Winning entries will be featured in the 2014 Bank of Guam calendar. Over 17,000 will be distributed throughout the branch network for customers at no charge. In addition, winning photos will be featured on the Bank of Guam website, www.bankofguam.com.

For more information, contact Kebrina Duenas at (671) 472-5236, email at kebrina.duenas@bankofguam.com or fax at (671) 477-6796. ***(BoG)***

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-026

Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Construction of Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This project is funded through a grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA).

The work consists of installation of new waterlines, cut and cap and tapping to existing waterlines in Capitol Hill Housing Blocks 1200 and 1300, Pohnpei Way, and Isa Drive; installation of new pressure reducing valves, gate valves and fire hydrants. The work is also inclusive of installation of new water lateral lines, reconnection of all existing water meters, asphalt paving restoration, etc. The work shall be done in accordance with the Project Plans and Specifications and without disruption to the daily operation of the water system.

CUC requires the Project to be completed in **365 calendar days** from date of award of contract.

The Bid Package may be picked-up, upon receipt of payment from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $250.00 (non-refundable) at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 4, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

A Pre-Bid Conference followed by a Site Visit is scheduled on **August 23, 2013** at 1:30 PM (ChST) at the CUC Main Conference Room, 3rd Floor, Room No.14, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building.

One (1) original and Seven (7) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-13-026, Capitol Hill Pressure Improvement and Waterline Replacement Project" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 12, 2013**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bids mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time or post-marked before due date and time. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement this form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 26, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Larry Manacop, Water/Wastewater Engineer via email at larry.manacop@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, Procurement & Supply, Administrative Support Assistant – marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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Office of the Executive Director

INVITATION FOR BIDS
CUC-IFB-13-028

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF PREPAID METERS

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC), Office of the Executive Director is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for the Supply and Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters for CUC Power Division, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained, upon receipt of a non-refundable payment from the CUC Treasury Section, by cash or check, in the amount of $100.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked *"CUC-IFB-13-028, Supply & Delivery of Remote Disconnect Prepaid Meters",* to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on September 9, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional offers will not be considered.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract. Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 23, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email – manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Alfredo Palattao, CUC Power Division Engineer via email at alfredo.palattao@cucgov.org & Charles Warren, CUC Chief Financial Officer via email charles.warren@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

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INVITATION TO BIDS
CUC-ITB-13-023

SURVEYED VEHICLES

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is inviting interested individuals and firms to bid on CUC Surveyed Vehicles located in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

The Bid Package may be obtained upon receipt of a non-refundable deposit from the CUC Treasury Section by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $25.00 for one set; at the CUC, Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, between 7:30 AM to 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM to 4:00 PM, Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays.

One (1) original and One (1) copy must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked **"CUC-ITB-13-023, CUC Surveyed Vehicles"** to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501220, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on August 23, 2013** at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered.

Bidders must sign a Waiver of Liability, removing CUC's liability from claims resulting from violations relating to the removal and disposal of the surveyed vehicles. CUC shall transfer and assign the surveyed vehicles to the prospective bidder in a **"As is, Where is"** condition. By accepting the transfer and assignment, the bidder acknowledges that CUC has made no representation or warranties of the merchantability, quality, fitness, and condition of the vehicles.

The vehicles may be inspected by appointment only, between the hours of 9:00 AM thru 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, by contacting CUC Procurement & Supply Division at telephone no. 235-7025.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any defects in the said bids, if in its sole opinion to do so would be in the best interest of the CUC.

All inquiries shall be must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 AM (ChST) on **August 14, 2013** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org and Marcela Tenorio, CUC Administrative Assistant for Procurement via email marcela.tenorio@cucgov.org.

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Privacy in the age of terrorism

Incredibly, Edward Snowden has found freedom from persecution in Russia, of all places. That puts him out of the reach of U.S. prosecutors for at least a year, but it simply postpones his eventual day of reckoning.

The Snowden saga isn't over by any means, but now that he's out of the Moscow airport, the spotlight can focus on an issue of greater importance: How much intrusion into their private lives Americans are willing to tolerate in exchange for security. What happens to the once super-secret government programs like the gathering of "metadata" by the National Security Agency—basically the numbers of all telephone calls from all major U.S. telephone providers. This and other secret activities have grown immensely since 9/11 without the benefit of public scrutiny.

Until Mr. Snowden's revelations, the public liked it that way. Americans didn't want to know. Most people, polls show, put a higher premium on security than on civil liberties and privacy. But a recent poll by the Pew Research Center found that only 50 percent of Americans approve of the NSA program, while 44 percent disapprove.

The gap is narrowing, and despite the overall approval, 70 percent said they believe the government uses the data for purposes other than stopping terrorism.

Americans understand the need for government secrecy. The current round of U.S. embassy closings around the Middle East due to fears of an imminent terrorist attack is only the latest evidence that the threat against America is real and constant.

As Sen. Dianne Feinstein, chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee has noted, actionable intelligence is the best way to prevent another attack against the country, and NSA programs are valuable intelligence tools.

But this does not free Congress from its obligation to find out what the NSA and the rest of the U.S. security apparatus is up to. The twofold goal should be to let the public know as much as it can about these secret programs and to allow Americans to retain as much privacy as possible consistent with U.S. national security objectives.

Only Congress can keep the intelligence community honest. It's not enough to accept reassurances from the head of NSA that, honest, folks, we're committed to maintaining your privacy and we really don't snoop unless we have to.

Sen. Feinstein has suggested a number of ways to change the law without endangering security:

Publicize the number of times any company is required to provide private communications information to the government. Require that the number of warrants obtained by the FBI to collect the content of any call be made public each year. Reduce the five-year retention period of phone records to two or three years.

Lawmakers should also focus on the super-secret foreign intelligence court known as FISA. Congress should have access to its opinions, and its judges should bring ideological balance to the court, which is not the case today.

As for Mr. Snowden, his future is bleak. He may soon learn that there's not much difference between being in jail and being an exile in a country like Russia that routinely violates human rights.

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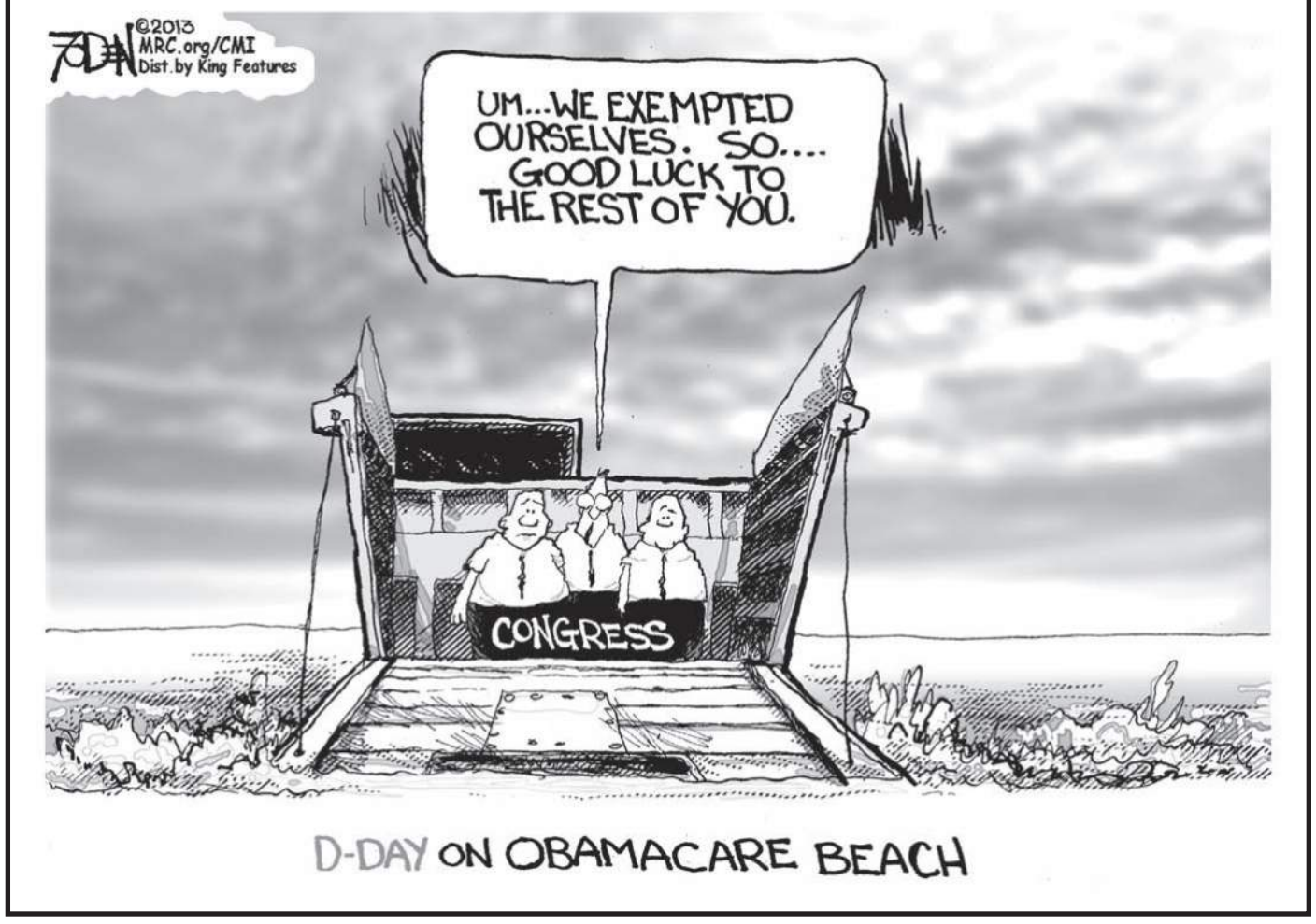
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UM...WE EXEMPTED OURSELVES. SO.... GOOD LUCK TO THE REST OF YOU.
CONGRESS
D-DAY ON OBAMACARE BEACH

Natalis et fatalis

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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We are making a big deal about August being the month with the most number of birthdays in my immediate relations, beginning with mine on the first and my *er lao po* on the 30th. In between, a neural-challenged daughter turns 21 over pizza on the 10th, a sister makes 59th on the 12th, first daughter turns four-oh on the 16th while her son who might also be neural-challenged turns 4 on the 18th, a sister-in-law makes the eternal *Pinay* age of 29, and my *er lao po* makes six-oh.

Two in the immediate circle on the autism syndrome in August makes the month our A-month!

Meanwhile, as the swirl of greetings and salutations fly around and about within the family, Jan Ulangca at 78 who just went into chemo, one of five we light candles for on our ledge mentioned in our May piece on *A candle for Janice* ("I am not dying, I am dancing") made her "beautiful day, happy to be here" statement a week ago, and we realized the *natalis et fatalis* are just two sides of the same coin. It is the journey and the pilgrimage in between that counts.

The *beautiful day, happy to be here* phrase comes from a Seattle-based author and editor Jane Lotter who died at the age of 60 last month from cancer but took time to write her own obit, saying with humor and wit that the few advantages of dying of cancer is that you have time to write your own obituary. The obit went cyberspace viral.

Being now on 20 days of gruel (oatmeal for breakfast and *arroz caldo con* chicken and mushroom bullion for lunch and dinner) after contracting gastroenteritis from a cross-country trip from the northeast to the southwest, we are only too conscious of the cutting edge of our own mortality even as we quietly made our 68th turn the first of the month.

We have also come to appreciate the Chinese yin-yang to life and death, the latter being a celebration of the life that preceded it, thereby not necessarily to be grieved but to be completed. I often wondered why families burn incense on the one hand and play mahjong on the other. It is because, as the living of one's life is not full outside the relationship with others, the others are also equally obligated to conclude one's life at the hour of one's death. Why, they even had paid wailers at one time as part of the orchestrated scenario of one's sending off!

We recall all these as eldest daughter Kristina outside of Chicago marks her four-oh, and my grandson Liam blows 4 candles, are joined by Bay Area second daughter Teresa in the candle lighting part. I remember them both as I prepare to meet my classes this semester in a week's time, printing English songs as part of their Oral English encounters. One of those is Satchmo's classic rendition of *What a Wonderful World.* Louis Armstrong's voice is now complemented by a Chinese singer who sings the song in her EnglisCh pronunciation, a point I stress in my class to encourage speakers not to worry about their grammar, accent, and intonation.

Most of us know the words to the song, which I quote in full because it expresses better my sentiments this month in the *natalis et fatalis* of kin and loved ones. I may not have excelled in the traditional role of fathering, but my children are clear that their lives are lived in a wonderful world.

I see trees of green, red roses too
I see them bloom, for me and you
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

I see skies of blue, and clouds of white
The bright blessed day, dark sacred night
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

The colors of the rainbow, so pretty in the sky
Are also on the faces, of people going by
I see friends shaking hands, sayin', "How do you do?"
They're really sayin', "I love you"

I hear babies cryin', I watch them grow
They'll learn much more, than I'll ever know
And I think to myself
What a wonderful world

Yes, I think to myself
What a wonderful world
Oh, yeah!

Green trees and red roses abound, but the skies blue are often gray and gloomy in our smoggy city, and the rainbow from Saipan is tall on Tinian but, unless I mosey over to Dalian, "the colors of the rainbow" resides more in my imagination than as a sight to see. Nevertheless.

There lies the key; it is the thinking to one's self that one lives in a wonderful world, a radical leap of faith that chooses to see life as trustworthy, however it comes. We chose to see the wonder, making life a choice rather than just a happenstance! Our Seattle author even found it wonderful that she could write her own obituary.

So, to all candle blowers this month, enjoy a wonderful world! Oh, yeah!

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In spite of it all, it still is paradise

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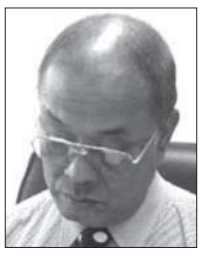

"There were birds in the sky, but I never saw them winging, no I never saw them at all 'til there was you," a rendition from Liverpool's most famous lads, *Till There Was You*. It's a good way to start the day with my first cigarette and mug of freshly brewed coffee.

As I surf the Internet at dawn, I could hear my winged friends chirping nearby. Some would perch on windowsills as if to remind this senior citizen that they're ready for breakfast, though we never had any formal agreement.

I'd welcome the first break of dawn. How grand it is to begin another day on my rooftop where I could be forever grateful for all my blessings.

It's the quietest time of day right before motorists begin their stressful drive to work. It's also a time to place some feed for my little friends chirping while quickly shifting tree branches. It must be bird conversation only they know. But I love the sweet sounds of nature's harmony, from chirps to coconut fronds and leaves of ironwood trees swaying upstairs as a soft breeze eases by.

I'd sail in and out, humming familiar tunes, listening to lyrics that bring hopeful dreams or silent prayer for brighter tomorrows for our children. There's nothing else to chase heading into the sunset but there's the need to lay the foundation for our children, an endless task we can't ignore.

Initially, my friends were fearful of my presence and would dash off to other trees. They soon learned that I don't carry a slingshot so they eventually became close friends.

I'd leave rice around the lemon tree or bread morsels I had shredded earlier. They love rice but sneer at me as they choke on pieces of bread. It gets stuck in their throat so there was the other task of leaving a water container nearby. Call it being mindful.

At least my brown-winged friends, trees and flowers around the house, the echo of huge waves pounding on the reef and the trade winds sighing at a distance all remind this senior citizen of the beauty and essence of this tropical paradise. No politics, no heavy issues to ponder, nothing! Just my friends chasing after the first catch of the day.

Cementing our relationship grants them their own form of chatter. When I come out late, they'd say things like "Maybe he's sick and won't join us this morning" or "Sure he isn't being a miser?" But they ease it all with their beautiful songs at dawn and dusk.

I'd hum more positive ballads or theme songs like "Climb every mountain" or "What a difference a day makes" or "End of a perfect day," among others.

The first is a song of encouragement that you climb persistently until you find your dreams, the second the attainment of a goal that makes all the difference within the span of 24 hours, the third gives time to recapitulate your day's journey. Occasionally, I'd turn to a local ballad that hones humility and a reminder of the preciousness of this pearly ancestral rock. Humbling.

Someday soon I'd relocate to the Lone State to join my children whose kids want to see and know grandma and grandpa. The thought of leaving is very sad and whenever it is nestled in my mind, my birdie friends simply refuse to talk to me. Ooops!

It's the thought of leaving that brings the old standard tune *Smile*: "Smile though your heart is aching, smile even though it's breaking, when there are clouds in the sky you'll get by, if you smile through your fear and sorry, smile and maybe tomorrow, you will see the sun come shining through for you." Eh, never mind *da kine* mess, it still is paradise!

Remapping road back home

In all that has been said about the use of Pagan for military purposes, it's almost a sure thing that Uncle Sam would get his way with our most precious jewel.

The group that made the most sense is the whispered voices of islanders who were born and lived up north in the '40s, '50s, and '60s. They aren't looking for another people's land but the land they humbly call "home." It's where they were born and lived until the volcanic eruption of the mid-'80s.

The obvious danger of another eruption on the southern end of Pagan delayed resettlement, including the obstruction of scarce funds for basic infrastructure that runs upwards of $200 million. The folks have legitimate reasons for wanting to return home. They aren't ready to live the rat race of the business center where the cost of living is way beyond their reach. It drains them of the essence and indelible price of personal industry.

If I may reiterate: Home isn't the same as a place in the sun. Home is your place of birth filled with memories of your youth. It's time you spent along the shore with your peers, hunting in the mountains for fruit bats and coconut crabs, betel nut picking in the forest, coconut gathering for copra, raising farm animals, and gardening to plant staple food. It's the direct relationship with the land and sea around you and the crown jewel of the natural beauty and ambiance of Pagan.

It's the time when you attended every novena next door, helped your parents, and learned the essential tools of living like farming and fishing. It focuses on the humble though rich life of a small community. It's the benefits of relying upon personal efforts to contribute to the needs of the entire village.

It's the renewal, recommitment, and communal sharing that solidifies unity, a sense of belonging hardly found in the rat race that abounds in the business center. It's the yearning to return home once more. Isn't this muted voice worth listening to?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Myths and lies about Saipan casinos

I am writing this letter in support of House Bill 18-45 which essentially authorizes casino operation in the Third Senatorial District of Saipan and the Northern Islands. Let me first address the concerns being espoused by those who do not want casino operation on Saipan. Here are the common reasons I heard in the public hearings and on billboards funded by the Tinian Dynasty and others:

1. Parents leave their children in cars to play poker at poker parlors.
2. Responsible for many domestic violence and broken marriages.
3. Family financial problems, burglary, and theft.
4. People become gambling addicts.
5. People on Saipan have spoken twice in two referendums objecting to casino operation on Saipan.
6. No feasibility study made to determine whether the casino industry will work on Saipan.
7. Casino brings in criminal elements to the CNMI such as drug trafficking, murder, and prostitution.
8. No investor has expressed interest in operating casino on Saipan. Where are they? (by Rep. Trenton Conner when H.B. 18-45 was being debated in the House of Representatives).

The above reasons for objecting to casino operation on Saipan are legitimate concerns in any community…IF—and it is a big IF—it has been proven that such evils come from casino operation. The facts are as follows:

1. The casinos, if approved on Saipan, will be restricted to *large hotels* and not easily accessible as present poker parlors that are all over the place in locations such as laundromats, stores, bowling alley, barbershops, near schools and churches, etc. Poker parlors will be closed once casino operations begin. Want to play poker? Go to the casino location. Casino operation will be regulated by the gaming commission, unlike poker parlors that are not regulated at all.

2. The casino industry has changed in the last 30 years. Meaning casinos are no longer only a place to conduct games of chance but have become places that offer family recreation activities.

3. The old belief that casino operation brings criminal elements such as drugs, murder, and prostitution is a *myth*. It was an effective propaganda of the past but proven not to be true. *Ti magahet*! If casino is evil and brings criminal activities, why have the people on Tinian been fighting to keep casino operation on Tinian? Why did the people of Tinian embrace the casino industry? The people of Tinian embraced casino operation because they have proven that casino operation does not bring criminal elements and the people benefited from casino operation! Tinian *has proven that casino benefits the community*.

4. Domestic violence, family financial problems, broken marriages, gambling addiction, drug addiction and trafficking, etc. These problems already exist here on Saipan, even in Guam and Hawaii—and these places do not have casinos! So this argument is another *lie*. Tinian and Rota may have a little of these problems but the *people do not blame casino operation* as the cause or root of these problems on their islands.

5. That two referendums were held many, many years ago on Saipan that rejected casino operation *is irrelevant now*. Why? Many years ago the CNMI government had lots of money to fund public services like the hospital, public schools, public safety, and retirement. At that time, the people of Saipan had the luxury to pick and choose industries that tried to come into the CNMI so the casino industry was not allowed to come to our shores at the time. Nowadays, the retirement program is doomed, CHC is begging for funds ($15 million subsidy) in order to survive, PSS is begging for $40 million but will be given $32 million for fiscal year 2014, NMC is begging for more funds because Pell grant and other federal grants may be stopped by the U.S. Department of Education.

6. Rep. Trenton Conner from Tinian who is running for re-election next year argued passionately that Saipan should have a feasibility study done first before casino operation is allowed on Saipan and that he has not heard or seen any casino investor in the Saipan horizon. Did Tinian conduct a feasibility study when its people drafted its casino initiative? NO! We need to remind Rep. Connor to revisit the history of the casino movement and the casino initiative that followed on Tinian before speaking. Saipan had casino investors interested in operating on Saipan before and are coming around again when casino is approved for Saipan. A casino investor group came to the San Roque public hearing on H.B. 18-45. I need to remind Rep. Connor that the Tinian Dynasty owner, Mr. Kwan himself, originally eyed Saipan for his casino because he knew that Saipan was and remains the lucrative place to operate casino in the CNMI. He had to settle for Tinian because the people on Saipan did not allow it at the time and Tinian wanted it. This is a fact.

I would like to close by summarizing the important points I described above. First, the casino industry has transformed itself into a family-oriented entertainment industry and not limited only to games of chance for individuals. Second, the evil elements that some still claim to come with the casino industry is false. The reasons are obvious and proven by the casino operation on Tinian. The people of Tinian would have already killed the Tinian casino initiative if the casino operation have brought more harm than good to the community of Tinian. Third, the CNMI needs the revenue generating abilities and capacity of the Third Senatorial District (Saipan and the Northern Islands). It is the commercial center of the CNMI, it has the infrastructure to accommodate casino operation, it has most of the needed hotel rooms to accommodate the increasing tourist arrivals, it has direct flights to all tourist markets, it is the place where more than 90 percent of foreign investors invest their monies in real estate and other business ventures, and it is the desired location expressed by all interested casino investors. Lastly, and a very important aspect and beauty of this plan, is that the CNMI municipalities will collectively benefit from having casino operations on Saipan. House Bill 18-45 outlines the methodology in which revenues generated from casino operations will address the financial problems of the CNMI collectively. The revenues from the casino operations on Saipan may not solve all the financial problems of the CNMI but it would certainly make a difference. Let's give it a chance and if it does not work we will kill it. As an elder person once said to his son, "I brought you into this world and I certainly can take you out." Think about it.

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San Vicente, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. Light and variable winds.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲88	▼79
Palau	Showers	▲83	▼74
Yap	Cloudy	▲88	▼75
Chuuk	Showers	▲86	▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88	▼76
Kosrae	Showers	▲88	▼76
Majuro	Showers	▲85	▼79

Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62	▼53
Beijing	Thundershowers	▲90	▼75
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲88	▼82
Honolulu	Sunny	▲87	▼75
London	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼60
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲84	▼65
Manila	Cloudy	▲89	▼78
Melbourne	Mostly Sunny	▲65	▼44
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼80
New York	Partly Cloudy	▲78	▼59
Osaka	Sunny	▲96	▼79
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲75	▼54
Pusan	Windy	▲88	▼78
Rome	Sunny	▲90	▼69
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲90	▼63
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲66	▼57
Seoul	Partly Cloudy	▲88	▼77
Tokyo	Sunny	▲93	▼79
Washington, DC	Mostly Sunny	▲79	▼64

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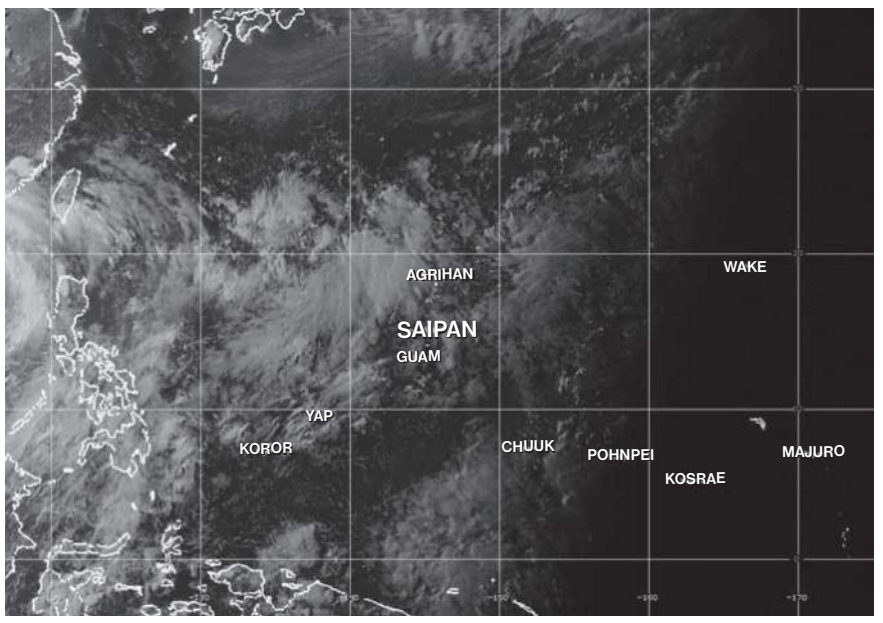

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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A surface trough curves northeastward from 23N131E through a weak circulation centered at 23N135E to beyond 25N at 138E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms cover an area north of Koror and Yap in an area bounded by a line from 14N131E to 13N137E to 17N142E to 24N138E to 24N134E back to 14N131E. Another surface trough extends northeastward from 12N148E to end at 21N154E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring east of the Marianas within 150 miles of a line from 13N148E to 20N153E. A third surface trough reaches northeastward from EQ153E to end at 12N157E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found just south of Chuuk and near Pohnpei or within 220 miles of a line from 2N147E to 6N160E.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

12:49 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.9 Feet
8:02 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
2:26 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
7:43 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.9 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Thursday	6:02 AM	6:41 PM
Friday	6:03 AM	6:40 PM
Saturday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM
Sunday	6:03 AM	6:39 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	12:03 PM	11:49 PM
Thursday	1:02 PM	
Friday	2:01 AM	12:44 AM
Saturday	3:01 AM	1:43 AM
Sunday	3:59 AM	2:44 AM

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UA5068	8:35am	9:25am	Daily
UA5074	11:20am	12:10pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily
UA5078	6:55pm	7:45pm	Daily
UA5072	9:45pm	10:35pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			
OZ1077	4:50am	7:10am	1, 2, 4, 5, 7
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily
DL297	4:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NAGOYA (NGO)			
DL583	5:50am	8:30am	2, 5, 6
SAIPAN-OSAKA (KIX)			
OZ119	4:00am	6:40am	Daily
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ612	3:40am	7:20am	Daily
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)			
MU764	4:10am	8:00am	1, 5
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6
SAIPAN-KHABAROVSK (KHV)			
SYL9950	6:40pm	1:30am+1	7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)			
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UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	6 via GUM
UA5062/191	4:50am	9:55am	3 via GUM
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SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)			
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OZ604/745	3:30pm	10:40pm	Daily via ICN

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UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5077	5:35pm	6:25pm	Daily
UA5079	8:20pm	9:10pm	Daily
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	10:10am	10:45am	6
ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN			
UA5062	3:45am	4:20am	1, 3, 5
UA5038	11:15am	11:50am	6
NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL298	10:25am	3:05pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:30am+1	Daily
OZ1087	10:00pm	2:25am+1	2, 3, 5, 6
NAGOYA (NGO)-SAIPAN			
DL582	8:30pm	1:00am+1	1, 4, 5
OSAKA (KIX)-SAIPAN			
OZ120	9:50pm	2:20am+1	Daily
BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN			
OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	Daily
SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ611	9:10pm	2:40am+1	Daily
SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN			
MU763	7:55pm	3:10am+1	4, 7
GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
KHABAROVSK (KHV)-SAIPAN			
SYL9949	12:45pm	5:20pm	7
MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
PR110/UA5072	7:55am	6:25pm	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
DL172/288	8:00am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
UA190/5079	10:55am	9:10pm	3, 6 via GUM
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
UA184/5071	11:35pm	8:05am+1	2, 5 via GUM
HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ746/603	12:30am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	10:45pm	8:05am+1	1, 5 via GUM
UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:05am+1	3, 6 GUM

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air.

ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The *Saipan Tribune* is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)

FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily

Pacific Islands Society officially taps new security scholars

The Pacific Islands Society and the Center for Australian, New Zealand, and Pacific Studies at Georgetown University have announced the inaugural class of the Pacific Security Scholars program.

Rick Cantero, Patrick Maloney, Briar Thompson, and George Bogden have been selected to represent the program, run in partnership by the Pacific Islands Society, or PacSoc, and the Center for Australian, New Zealand, and Pacific Studies, or CANZPS.

Over the next nine months, each scholar will be researching and writing a number of incisive articles on traditional and non-traditional security issues in the Pacific Islands region. Their insights and analysis will be published in tandem by both PacSoc and CANZPS—placing them in a network of some of the world's most influential thought-leaders and policymakers in the Pacific. In April next year, these articles will be collectively bound, printed, and presented to the diplomatic missions of the Pacific Islands Forum.

Miles McKenna, PacSoc's interim director of Programming, is overseeing the Pacific Security Scholars program.

The Pacific Islands Society is an independent, non-partisan, non-governmental organization dedicated to promoting stronger people-people relations between the Pacific Island Countries and beyond. Through its speaking series, cultural events, and annual campaigns, PacSoc brings together some of the region's most influential minds to discuss major political, economic, environmental, and social issues facing the Pacific Islands– all while celebrating the vibrant cultures that make the region so unique and valuable to the global community. ***(Pacific Islands Society)***

Ricky Cantero is currently the Assistant Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs of the government of the Federated States of Micronesia, where he heads the Division of Americas and Europe Affairs. He is responsible for developing policy recommendations on issues pertaining to the FSM's relationship with countries throughout both regions. He holds a bachelor's degree in Political Science and a master's degree in Public Administration from the University of Guam.

Patrick Maloney is currently an International Development doctoral candidate with the University of Southern Mississippi. Additionally, he holds a master's degree in Nonprofit Management from Regis University in Denver, Colorado. His research focus has been on the cultural and political impediments to economic development in Micronesia, where he spent his formative years. Presently, he works as the Public Diplomacy Assistant at the U.S. Embassy in the Federated States of Micronesia.

Briar Thompson is a Rhodes Scholar from New Zealand pursuing graduate study at Somerville College, University of Oxford. She has completed an MSc in Refugee and Forced Migration Studies, in which her thesis focused on how the protection needs of those vulnerable to displacement linked to environmental stress might be provided, with particular reference to Pacific small island states. Starting this fall, Briar will be reading for the Master of Public Policy at Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government, where she intends to continue relating her studies to the Pacific region.

George Bogden is pursuing a master's of philosophy in International Relations at the University of Oxford as a Clarendon Scholar. He was born and raised in Hawaii, and completed his undergraduate work at Yale, serving as the university's Fox International Fellow in Istanbul the year after receiving his bachelor's degree. He has completed internships in the U.S. Congress, the Department of State, and in research institutions in Washington D.C., Ankara, and Istanbul.

'Next Generation' of Pacific artists revealed

Five outstanding young artists from the Pacific Islands region have been selected to the 2013 Next Generation Pacific Artists program

Lalovai Peseta, Béatrice Camallonga, Francis Pesamino, Jeffry Feeger, and Yvonne C. Neth now have their works on display in a virtual gallery organized by the Pacific Islands Society.

ON THE NET

http://pacificislandssociety.com/programs/arts-culture/pacific-artists-the-next-generation/galleries/

These exceptionally talented young artists each bring unique style and interpretation to their work. Representing countries and communities throughout Papua New Guinea, New Zealand, New Caledonia, Samoa, and the Federated States of Micronesia—their works are a very real snapshot of the emotional landscape of the Pacific. Drawing inspiration from traditional carving, to *tatau* design, to bleeding edge visual art techniques, these emerging artists brilliantly showcase the dynamic and creative talent coming out of the Pacific.

Over the next year, these five artists will be teaming up with PacSoc to celebrate and promote their work across the region and the world. PacSoc aims to facilitate a deeper awareness and appreciation for the abundant artistic talent in the Pacific Islands region by helping promote emerging artists, providing professional development opportunities, and putting on a roster of showcase events with its global partners.

PacSoc welcomes inquiries from those interested in participation or partnerships with the NexGen Pacific Artists program. Please direct all questions to Miles McKenna, PacSoc's interim Director of Programming at programs@pacificislandssociety.org. ***(PacSoc)***

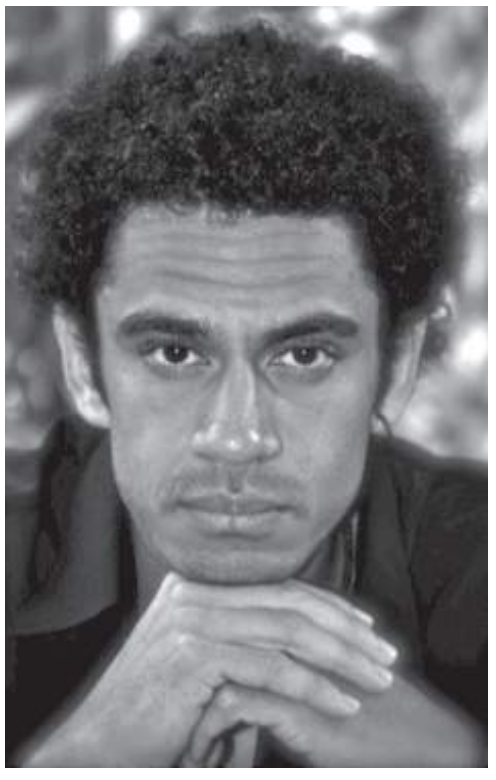
Yvonne C. Neth was born on the island of Pohnpei in the Federated States of Micronesia to Pohnpeian and Chamorro parents. As a self-taught artist, her work focuses on cultural and environmental conservation, utilizing a variety of media, including charcoal, graphite, colored pencil, conté crayon, ink, and pastel. In her free time, Yvonne serves as vice director for the Island Research & Education Initiative, a not-for-profit non-governmental organization dedicated to producing culturally-relevant educational materials for Micronesia's students and conducting anthropological, environmental, and geological research in the region.

Lalovai Peseta is an artist based in Savai'I, Samoa. His contemporary paintings draw strongly from his experience and proficiency with the traditional Samoa arts of carving and tattooing. His enjoyment in experimenting with common perceptions of Samoan symbolism through abstract expression and the playful use of color, shape, form—particularly Samoan tatau designs—are prominent features of his work. Traditional Samoan tattoo designs have become a signature feature of his artwork, and provide a platform for Lalovai to explore the borders between traditional Pacific culture and contemporary art.

Francis Pesamino is a young Samoan artist from South Auckland. He recently graduated from the Manukau Institute of Technology's School of Visual Arts. Francis maintains a drawing-based practice of text and imagery, where he creates hand-drawn typographies and constructs portraits of prominent Samoan and New Zealand celebrities. Exhibits of his work have gained attention throughout Auckland and Wellington, which lead to his first major International solo exhibition at the Weltkulturen Museum in Frankfurt, Germany in 2012.

Béatrice Camallonga, passionate about traveling and adventure, finally found her home years ago on the small island of Lifou, New Caledonia. Inspired by the light of this remote paradise, she paints her emotions, travel impressions, and the different cultures that she never tires of discovering. Fusion of different techniques and a self-taught expression of her own freedom are the main features of her art.

Jeffry Feeger grew up in various parts of Papua New Guinea before settling in Port Moresby, where he began to pursue a career in visual art. His work focuses on portrait painting in a magic realist style. Telling subjects' stories by building bridges between people of different backgrounds, his work aims to remind us of our shared humanity. Jeffry's work has led him into social advocacy and philanthropy, where the sale of his paintings has allowed him to give back to his portrait subjects and to other charities and organizations.



Marshallese exodus to Arkansas intrigues doctorate candidate

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A geography doctorate candidate from the University of Syracuse in currently on island to study the history of asylum processes in Micronesia and serve as a research assistant to former Northern Marianas College instructor Sam McPhetres Sr.

However, what really piques Emily Eaton's interest these days is studying how a number of people from the Marshall Islands have come to migrate and settle in a small town in Arkansas.

Eaton, who was the Rotary Club of Saipan's guest speaker last week during its weekly meeting at the Hyatt Regency Saipan, said she learned about the steady migration of Marshallese to Northwest Arkansas, specifically to Springdale, after working on a dissertation that focused on the brief history of the development of the Compact of Free Association.

Eaton

The compact sets the terms of sovereignty and independence for the Trust Territory and eventually gave birth to island nations like the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, and Palau.

"The Compact of Free Association contains a lot of provisions on citizenship and migration. One of those provisions is that member Compact states like Marshall Islands can travel freely to any part of the 50 U.S. states without a visa. So for an immigration students this is incredibly interesting because this is the only case that exists in U.S. immigration law."

Eaton says that Springdale has one of the largest population of Marshallese in the U.S., second only to Hawaii.

"So how do you have maybe 8,000 Marshallese ending up in a town of 60,000 in Arkansans? This is one of the driving questions of my research. Historically how did that come into being? It seems anomalous. So I was able to spend some time there just before coming to Saipan to do some interviews. There is a consul of the Marshall Islands in Arkansas, one of only two or three in the U.S. mainland."

The large number of Marshallese going to Arkansas, she said, has also dumbfounded U.S. Customs and Border agents who can't figure out why Marshallese don't need to have their passports stamped when they come into the country.

"I'm also trying to figure out what Marshallese people are doing in [Arkansas]. Are they here to stay? Are they going back and forth? They are primarily [going there] to stay I think partly due to the physical distance and for economic reasons. They are primarily working on the poultry industry, for Tyson Foods, which has a plant there."

Geography lesson

Eaton also told members of the local Rotary Club that outside of military folk, U.S. mainlanders' knowledge about America's overseas territories, particularly Guam and the CNMI, is next to nil.

"As a graduate student at the department, I have the pleasure to be a teaching assistant and I get to teach 75 freshmen every fall to talk about physical and human geography. So I always make it an effort now to work at least one or two lectures about the U.S. territories in the Pacific. I do this for a number of reasons. The main reason is most of my students absolutely have no idea where Saipan is or have no idea where Guam is. They may have heard of them. Being a beneficiary of the New York Public School System myself, I know they have very little content, if anything, on these areas."

To be honest, Eaton said, she had very little knowledge of the islands' history before coming here a couple of years ago.

"We also have a discussion on what the U.S. presence is out here. I think that's very important for students in the mainland to understand that the geography of the U.S. nation, the U.S. empire, the establishment of military bases here and that there's been a long-term relationship between these islands and the United States. So I'm working on my classes to somehow counter some of the ignorance that I'm finding."

3 islands host first-ever Self-Advocacy Summer Camps

The Council on Developmental Disabilities, the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities, and the Protection and Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities–along with the Autism Society of the CNMI and the Coalition on Anti-Stigma of Mental Illness–host the first Self-Advocacy Summer Camp on July 22, 2013, on the three islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

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The Self-Advocacy Summer Camp was first brought up by Frank Cabrera of Autism Society of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands as part of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities' call to establish a self-advocacy group here in the CNMI back in 2012 at the Self-Advocacy Summit in Honolulu, Hawaii.

On July 22, 2013, we concluded an effort that has taken almost two years to fulfill and we are pleased to announce that all three islands have had their own Self-Advocacy Summer Camp and they all have been a success!

The CNMI tri-agencies—Council on Developmental Disabilities under the Office of the Governor, the University Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities out of the Northern Marianas College, the Protection and Advocacy for Developmental Disabilities administered by the Northern Marianas Protection & Advocacy Systems Inc.—along with the Autism Society of the CNMI and the Coalition on Anti-Stigma of Mental Illness, are proud of our collaborative drive to not only help establish the first CNMI Self-Advocacy Group called VOICES (Very Outspoken Individuals Can Each Succeed) but to also begin the annual event of the Self-Advocacy Summer Camp for all three islands run by each island's VOICES Chapter.

We tip our hats to the leaders of each VOICES Chapter. On Saipan, we have president John Demapan, and vice president, Ellena Sutton. On Tinian, we have president Jan Barcinas and vice president Monica Diaz. On Rota, we have president Felix Ulloa and vice president Rosemina Poll.

With great perseverance, fantastic teamwork, and constant follow through, your CNMI tri-agencies, along with the Autism Society of the CNMI, the Coalition on Anti-Stigma of Mental Illness, and our first ever self-advocacy group VOICES of the CNMI, have met the request of the U.S. Administration on Developmental Disabilities to help establish a grassroots self-advocacy group here in the westernmost territory of America.

Congress stated back in 1973 that "disabilities are a natural part of the human experience." Since then, people with disabilities and others have fought for disability rights that led to the creation of the various laws including Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Developmental Disabilities Act, the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act. There is still more to be done, and with the VOICES groups from the CNMI becoming part of the disability rights movement, we expect greater things to come.

3rd Annual Guam International Film Festival starts on Sept. 24

HAGATÑA, Guam—The Guam International Film Festival is scheduled to run its 3rd annual event starting Sept. 24 through Sept. 29, 2013, at the Agaña Center Stadium Theatres. For 2013, GIFF stretches its festival duration from three days to six days and will showcase over 45 films, including films from the 2013 Festival de Cannes and from Japan Short Shorts Film Festival.

"Along with some riveting local films, we'll be showcasing award winners from this year's Sundance and ECU [European Independent Film Festival]. Even filmmakers that have been showcased in Cannes earlier this year have reached out to us, so it's very gratifying to know that GIFF is gaining global recognition for its knowledge and appreciation of independent cinema, even if we are all the way out here on Guam. I think that's what makes it special," says festival programmer and co-founder Kel Muña.

This year, the GIFF call for entries brought in nearly 300 submissions from over 30 countries, exceeding the numbers from GIFF 2012. Among the films to be showcased will be five Guam-related films, 12 world premiers, eight U.S. premieres, 18 Asia-Pacific premieres and two Guam premieres. GIFF 2013 will also feature *The Illness and the Odyssey* as its centerpiece film and *Alagway (Breakaway)* as its closing night film.

GIFF 2013 will be bringing 15 delegates from around the world: Porter Franklin Ersiman, director of *Crocodile in the Yangtze*; director O Muel of *Jisuel*; Ian Dean Lorenos, Rommel Sales and Marjorie Jovita Darunday of *Alagwa (Breakaway)*; Ian Thomas Ash of *A2*; Berry Minott, director of *The Illness and the Odyssey*; Seong-hyeok Moon and Jang-eun Cho of *She (GeuNyeo)*. Also joining the list of delegates and teaching GIFF 2013's master class is Raymond Red, one of the pioneers of modern Filipino independent and alternative cinema and the first Filipino to be awarded the Cannes Palme d'Or Award.

This year, GIFF will also see the return of delegate Tom Brislin, Ph.D. who is heading the 2013 GIFF grand jury panel and has played a vital role in materializing the festival's community and educational outreach through his highly-attended industry workshops during the past GIFF Festivals. Alongside Brislin on the grand jury panel are Gabrielle Kelley, associate professor of Arts at the New York University, Tisch Asia School of the Arts and co-founder of the International Alliance of Women Cinematographers; Baltazar Aguon, who received degrees at the University of Guam and the American Film Institute's Center for Advanced Film and Television Studies and is one of Guam's established artists and educators; and Daniel Ferranti who has studied film at New York University and theater at University of Massachusetts Boston, and is a consultant for Warner Bros. Digital Distribution.

Taking their eco-friendly efforts to another level, GIFF is also pleased to announce the launch of the GIFF App for iPhones and Android phones sponsored by FestPro. With the app, festival patrons will be able to view the schedule and read synopses for the featured films and purchase tickets. This app adds to the festival's green incentive, alongside GIFF's paperless online submissions.

GIFF 2013 and its special events, including award ceremonies, is made possible by Cars Plus, United Airlines and Tango Theatres. For more information including the complete film listing and show times, visit the festival website at www.guamfilmfestival.org. ***(GIFF)***

Coastal fisheries in the Pacific 'a mixed report'

A new report on the status of reef and near-shore fisheries of Pacific Islands has delivered a mixed verdict about their health.

It says some fisheries are under strain, some have been fished to the brink of local extinction, and that management action needs to be strengthened to protect this valuable resource.

The report, issued by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, looks at four main areas: reef fisheries, near-shore fisheries, aquaculture, and the roles of men and women in fishing occupations.

Lindsay Chapman, SPC's Coastal Fisheries program manager, said that Pacific Island population growth is placing increasing pressure on the fisheries accessible to local fishers.

"Our problem is to collect accurate data on these fisheries—who is catching what, and how much are they taking," he said. "Without good data it is difficult to establish reasonable limits and good management plans."

He said the need for reliable catch information and sensible management is more important than ever, given the dual impacts of climate change and increasing fishing pressure.

"We need to develop good tools to monitor climate change," he said. "We need the best possible management of these fisheries to maximize sustainable yields and reduce the size of the 'food gap' between available seafood and that required to meet the needs of rapidly growing Pacific Island population."

Principal Fisheries officer James Tafatu of the small island of Niue agrees. "We only have a population of about 1300 or 1500 at the moment, but that may grow. Our leaders have identified food security as a major issue.

"We need to get data so we can manage our fisheries well. And this is not just about the fish, but also about how the community uses fish and the role women play in fisheries."

SPC is helping many Pacific islands and territories to develop management measures, including size limits and short harvest seasons.

"We are looking at positive measures, like the installation of new FADs [fish attracting devices] which hold tuna closer to shore and make them accessible to local fishers. We're trying to find out more about potential new fisheries as well, like the recent giant squid fishing tests in New Caledonia and the Cook Islands."

Solomon Islands director of Fisheries James Teri said that most coastal communities depend on inshore fisheries for their food and economic wealth. "We need SPC to help us to collect data about these fisheries, provide us with policy advice and provide our communities with the right sort of information to manage these fisheries."

File photo shows fishermen next to the Shelburne reef in Papua New Guinea. VALÉRIE ALLAIN/SPC

Aquaculture also holds some promise for closing the food gap and generating income for Pacific Islanders. It has a 50-year history in the region but the challenges of uncertain markets, high-quality management and coping with the environment have proved formidable.

"Prawns, pearls and tilapia are the most valuable crops," Chapman said. "There is some hope for clams and coral for the ornamental trade, and aquaculture may also be able to restore stocks of the valuable sea cucumber."

The report also deals with a gender imbalance in fisheries careers, with women holding less than 20 percent of positions in fisheries science and management.

Most women are confined to administrative and clerical positions, and the report advocates "breaking down the barriers" to help women gain work at all levels if they so choose. ***(SPC)***

NMC fall 2013 registration ongoing this week

Registration for the Northern Marianas College's upcoming fall 2013 semester will be ongoing until Thursday, Aug. 15, 2013. Students can register on the day designated for their PowerCampus ID number during this week. Late registration is on Friday, Aug. 16, 2013.

New or returning (those readmitted to NMC after not taking courses for one year or more) students, who did not attend a fall 2013 student orientation, must view a brief student orientation video at the NMC Student Center located in Building I. The video will be shown every day this week at 10am and 2pm.

Attending a student orientation or viewing the video presentation prior to registration is mandatory for all new or returning students. For additional information, contact Queanna Sablan by calling 237-6790/6788 or emailing queanna.sablan@marianas.edu, or contact Barnaby Lizama by calling 237-6782 or emailing barnaby.lizama@marianas.edu.

New students are also required to take the English and Math placement tests before they register. Students may schedule to take the placement tests by contacting testing coordinator Daniel Kintol at 234-5498 Ext. 6774 or visiting the Testing Center in Building I. After taking the placement tests, students can meet with their academic advisers, who will assist students complete registration forms and create class schedules.

Students may register between 9am and 6pm Monday through Friday during registration week on the day designated by their PoweCampus ID number. Those who did not register on their designated day may register on the following registration days.

Aug. 14: Registration for students with PC #s 000016311 through 000018400

Aug. 15: Registration for new, ongoing and re-admitted students, and students with pc #s 000018401 and higher

Aug. 16: Late registration

For additional information about registration for the fall 2013 semester, visit the Office of Admissions and Records in Building N or call 234-5498 Ext. 6778/6769, or log on to www.marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

Scheduled power outage on Saturday

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. would like to inform the general public that there will be a scheduled power interruption on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2013, from 5:30am to 8:30am.

The purpose of the interruption is to de-energize the primary lines to allow the CUC line crew to safely replace three defective air break switches in Susupe (in front of the Ada Gym, next to the Superior Court, and next to Arizona Bldg.)

Water services may be affected in the area during the power interruption; however, all services should be restored after the power is re-energized.

Areas that will be affected include Chalan Kiya (Chalan Kiya Dr., Parapar PI., Bwerh PI, Plata Dr., Mikulot Dr., Tumu Ln., Kachang Ln., Rasu Ln., Tinta Lp., Penta Ln., Attilong Ln., Murena PI., Betde PI., Agaga Ln., Asut PI., and Amariyu Ln.), San Jose, Oleai, Susupe, Chalan Kanoa Districts 1, 2, and 4, Green Meadow School, Oleai Elementary School, Golden Harvest International School, Marianas High School, San Jose Church, Saipan Community Church and School, Mt. Carmel School and Cathedral, and Sr. Remedio School.

Traffic lights affected include Chalan Kiya, Marianas High School, Joeten Susupe, and Susupe (near cathedral).

Wastewater lift stations will also be affected (W-3, W-4, W-5, A-6, A-7, A-4, A-5, A-9, and A-11).

"Because of the scale of the work that will be performed, we ask travelers to take alternate routes or to exercise caution when driving through the affected areas. CUC apologizes for any inconvenience this power interruption may have on the community and will continue to work diligently to minimize future interruptions," said CUC in a statement. ***(CUC)***

BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUT

Happy birthday to Maria Belibei! Relax and stay calm, it's your day to shine! You're a hard person to treat at a restaurant, so we'll see you at the Street Market today! See yah! Greetings come from your Joeten Ace Hardware family!

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WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT NMC

Delegate Gregorio "Kilili" Sablan (Ind-MP) explains the importance of having a good résumé with one of the Northern Marianas College's Workforce Development and Apprenticeship Program's cohorts for the "Workforce: Lead Into Future Experiences" workshop. The aim of the workshops is to help participants develop useful skills and gain knowledge as they begin to pursue a career.

Business

BlackBerry weighs selling itself

TORONTO (AP)—BlackBerry will consider selling itself after the long-awaited debut of its new phones failed to turn around the struggling smartphone maker.

The company said Monday that its board has formed a special committee to explore "strategic alternatives" in hopes of enhancing the company's value and boosting adoption of its BlackBerry 10 platform.

The company said its options could also include joint ventures, partnerships, or other moves.

The Canadian company's U.S-traded stock closed up 10.5 percent to $10.78 on Monday.

The BlackBerry, pioneered in 1999, had been the dominant smartphone for on-the-go business people and other consumers before Apple debuted the iPhone in 2007 and showed that phones can handle much more than email and phone calls. In the years since, BlackBerry Ltd. has since been hammered by competition from the iPhone as well as Android-based rivals.

In January, the company unveiled new phones running a revamped operating system called BlackBerry 10 designed to better compete. But its market share continues to lag. IDC said last week BlackBerry has fallen to fourth place in global smartphone sales, now trailing Microsoft. IDC estimated BlackBerry's worldwide market share at 2.9 percent. BlackBerry also warned in June of future losses.

Elon Musk unveils 'Hyperloop' transport concept

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Imagine strapping into a car-sized capsule and hurtling through a tube at more than 700 mph—not for the thrill of it, but to get where you need to go.

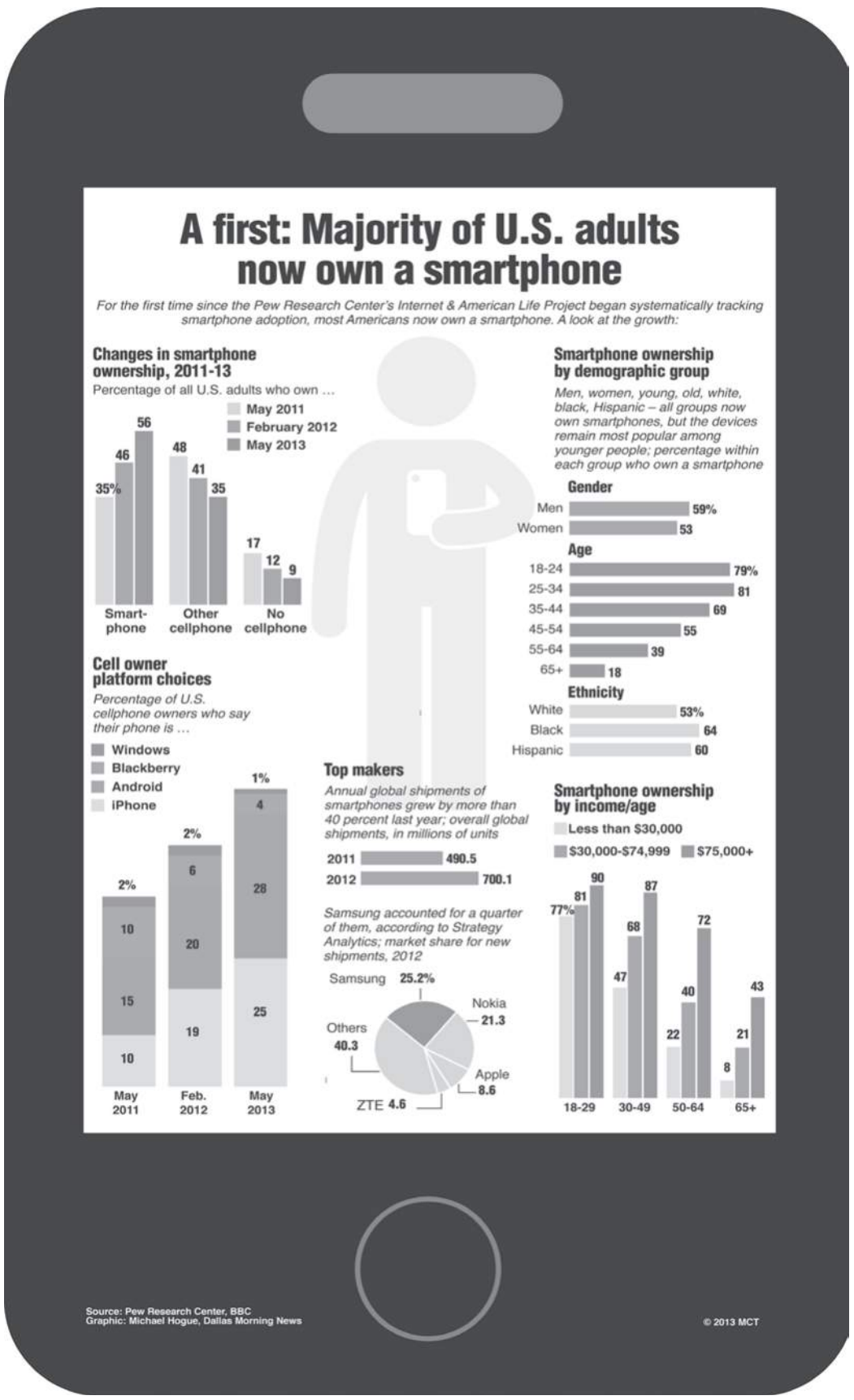
On Monday, billionaire entrepreneur Elon Musk unveiled a transportation concept that he said could whisk passengers the nearly 400 miles between Los Angeles and San Francisco in 30 minutes—half the time it takes an airplane.

If it's ever built.

His "Hyperloop" system for travel between major cities is akin to the pneumatic tubes that transport capsules stuffed with paperwork in older buildings.

In this case, the cargo would be people, reclining for a ride that would start with a force of acceleration like an airplane but then be turbulence free.

Capsules would catapult through a large, nearly air-free tube. Inside, they would be pulled down the line by magnetic attraction.


A first: Majority of U.S. adults now own a smartphone
For the first time since the Pew Research Center's Internet & American Life Project began systematically tracking smartphone adoption, most Americans now own a smartphone. A look at the growth:
Changes in smartphone ownership, 2011-13
Percentage of all U.S. adults who own …
May 2011
February 2012
May 2013
35% 46 56
48 41 35
17 12 9
Smart-phone
Other cellphone
No cellphone
Cell owner platform choices
Percentage of U.S. cellphone owners who say their phone is …
Windows
Blackberry
Android
iPhone
2% 2% 10 15 10
2% 6 20 19
1% 4 28 25
May 2011
Feb. 2012
May 2013
Top makers
Annual global shipments of smartphones grew by more than 40 percent last year; overall global shipments, in millions of units
2011 490.5
2012 700.1
Samsung accounted for a quarter of them, according to Strategy Analytics; market share for new shipments, 2012
Samsung 25.2%
Nokia 21.3
Apple 8.6
ZTE 4.6
Others 40.3
Smartphone ownership by demographic group
Men, women, young, old, white, black, Hispanic – all groups now own smartphones, but the devices remain most popular among younger people; percentage within each group who own a smartphone
Gender
Men 59%
Women 53
Age
18-24 79%
25-34 81
35-44 69
45-54 55
55-64 39
65+ 18
Ethnicity
White 53%
Black 64
Hispanic 60
Smartphone ownership by income/age
Less than $30,000
$30,000-$74,999
$75,000+
77% 81 90
47 68 87
22 40 72
8 21 43
18-29
30-49
50-64
65+
Source: Pew Research Center, BBC
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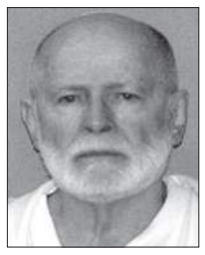
Nation

'Whitey' Bulger guilty in 11 killings

BOSTON (AP)—James "Whitey" Bulger, the feared Boston mob boss who became one of the nation's most-wanted fugitives, was convicted Monday in a string of 11 killings and dozens of other gangland crimes, many of them committed while he was said to be an FBI informant.


Bulger

Bulger, 83, stood silently and showed no reaction to the verdict, which brought to a close a case that not only transfixed the city with its grisly violence but exposed corruption inside the Boston FBI and an overly cozy relationship between the bureau and its underworld snitches.

Bulger was charged primarily with racketeering, which listed 33 criminal acts—among them, 19 murders that he allegedly helped orchestrate or carried out himself during the 1970s and `80s while he led the Winter Hill Gang, Boston's ruthless Irish mob.

After 4 1/2 days of deliberations, the federal jury decided he took part in 11 of those murders, along with nearly all the other crimes on the list, including acts of extortion, money laundering and drug dealing. He was also found guilty of 30 other offenses, including possession of machine guns.

Bulger could get life in prison at sentencing Nov. 13. But given his age, even a modest term could amount to a life sentence for the slightly stooped, white-bearded Bulger.

As court broke up, Bulger turned to his relatives and gave them a thumbs-up. A woman in the gallery taunted him as he was led away, apparently imitating machine-gun fire as she yelled: "Rat-a-tat-tat, Whitey!"

Outside the courtroom, relatives of the victims hugged each other, the prosecutors and even defense attorneys.

Patricia Donahue wept, saying it was a relief to see Bulger convicted in the murder of her husband, Michael Donahue, who authorities say was an innocent victim who died in a hail of gunfire while giving a ride to an FBI informant marked for death by Bulger.

Thomas Donahue, who was 8 when his father was killed, said: "Thirty-one years of deceit, of cover-up of my father's murder. Finally we have somebody guilty of it. Thirty-one years—that's a long time." He said that when he heard the verdict, "I wanted to jump up. I was like, `Damn right.'"

"Today is a day that many in this city thought would never come," said U.S. Attorney Carmen Ortiz. "This day of reckoning has been a long time in coming." She added: "We hope that we stand here today to mark the end of an era that was very ugly in Boston's history."

Suspect in Idaho shootout fired once or twice

SAN DIEGO (AP)—A close family friend suspected of abducting a 16-year old girl after killing her mother and younger brother fired his rifle at FBI agents before they killed him deep in the Idaho wilderness, authorities said Monday.

Hannah Anderson didn't know her mother and brother were dead until she was rescued from 40-year-old James Lee DiMaggio, San Diego County Sheriff Bill Gore said.

"I can't make it any clearer: She was a victim in this case. She was not a willing participant," Gore said at a news conference with Hannah's father, Brett Anderson.

During a shootout with the FBI, DiMaggio fired at least once and perhaps twice, the sheriff said.

Hannah Anderson reunited with family in San Diego to begin what her father said would be a slow recovery. He thanked the horseback riders who reported seeing the pair near an alpine lake, saying the search might have taken much longer without them.

"She has been through a tremendous, horrific ordeal," said Brett Anderson, who declined to answer questions and pleaded for privacy.

Christopher Saincome, Hannah's grandfather, said his son-in-law wanted to take Hannah with him to Tennessee, where he recently moved. Saincome told him that she should stay in the San Diego area, where she was raised and has a large circle of friends.

DiMaggio

"I think she needs to be here with friends," Saincome said. "I know she's taking it very tough. One of her best friends is with her, talking to her."

Gore declined to address how Hannah's mother and brother died, describe Hannah's captivity or say whether she tried to escape. The sheriff also refused to discuss the rescue or how many times DiMaggio was shot, other than to say the suspect is believed to have fired first and that Hannah was nearby.

Gore said the crime was "not spur of the moment" but would not elaborate. Sheriff's Capt. Duncan Fraser said last week that investigators believe DiMaggio may have had an "unusual infatuation" with the girl.

DiMaggio is suspected of killing 44-year-old Christina Anderson and 8-year-old Ethan Anderson and leaving their bodies in his burning home near San Diego on Aug. 4. Hannah's disappearance triggered a massive search in much of the western United States and parts of Canada and Mexico that ended with Saturday's shootout and rescue.

ACROSS THE NATION

Sinkhole swallows part of Florida resort villa

CLERMONT, Fla. (AP)—It sounded like a thunderstorm as windows broke and the ground shook, but vacationers who were awakened from their rooms at a villa near Orlando, Fla., soon realized that the building was starting to collapse—parts of it swallowed by a 100-foot sinkhole that also endangered two neighboring resort buildings. By early Monday, nearly a third of the structure at Summer Bay Resort had collapsed. All 105 guests staying in the villa were evacuated, as were those in the neighboring buildings. No injuries were reported. The villa, with 24 three-story units, was reported as a total loss.

Mo. State Fair bans rodeo clown who mocked Obama

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—The Missouri State Fair on Monday imposed a lifetime ban on a rodeo clown whose depiction of President Barack Obama getting charged by a bull was widely criticized by Democratic and Republican officials alike. The rodeo clown won't be allowed to participate or perform at the fair again. Fair officials say they're also reviewing whether to take any action against the Missouri Rodeo Cowboy Association, the contractor responsible for Saturday's event. The entertainment during the bull riding contest featured a clown wearing a mask of Obama with an upside down broomstick attached to his backside.

Asia

2 dead, 44 missing in PH typhoon

AP

Filipino kids dive from a scaffolding in Malabon, north of Manila, Philippines on Monday Aug. 12, 2013.

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A powerful typhoon battered the northern Philippines on Monday, toppling power lines and dumping heavy rain across cities and food-growing plains. The storm left at least two people dead and 44 missing.

Typhoon Utor, described as the strongest globally this year, slammed ashore in mountainous eastern Aurora province with sustained winds of 175 kilometers (109 miles) per hour and gusts of up to 210 kph (130 mph).

Footage from ABS-CBN TV network showed a woman swept away by a raging river in neighboring Isabela province. The woman waved her hands for help as she struggled to hang on to debris while being buffeted by huge waves in the muddy waters. It was not known what happened to her.

"She has not been found, so she is missing," said Norma Talosig, a regional civil defense director. She said the woman lived alone in a low-lying area and had refused to be evacuated.

Talosig said that in northern Nueva Vizcaya province, a 53-year-old farmer drowned while trying to rescue his water buffalo from a swift-moving flood. The animal survived.

In mountainous Benguet province, a 22-year-old man died on the way to a hospital after he was pulled from a landslide that hit a canal he was clearing, said regional civil defense official Andrew Alex Uy.

The typhoon triggered waves of up to 2.5 meters (eight feet) and left scores of fishermen missing.

In northern Pangasinan province, 25 fishermen on three boats failed to return home, said provincial police spokesman Senior Inspector Ryan Manongdo.

Eighteen other fishermen from the eastern provinces of Catanduanes and Camarines Norte also were unaccounted for. Authorities were hoping they took shelter in coves and nearby islands, said Office of Civil Defense regional director Bernardo Alejandro IV.

"I hope they're just waiting for the typhoon to pass and will show up as soon as the weather clears," he said. A higher number of missing had been reported earlier, but some of the fishermen have returned home.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Asiana offers $10,000 to survivors of July crash

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Asiana Airlines Inc. has offered $10,000 to each of the 288 surviving passengers of the flight that crash landed in San Francisco last month. Asiana spokeswoman Lee Hyomin said Tuesday the payout is not a settlement and accepting the money does not prevent passengers from suing the airline. The Asiana Boeing 777 landed short of the runway on July 6, killing three passengers and injuring dozens. Lee said Asiana has already made payments to the families of three passengers who were killed. She did not know the amount.

Landslide kills 6 in Nepal mountains

KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)—A landslide swept away part of a village in northeastern Nepal, killing at least six people, an official said Tuesday. The landslide was triggered by heavy rainfall that struck Khimti village overnight while people were sleeping. At least half a dozen houses were swept away, police official Dipendra Jayswal said. Six others who were injured have been rushed to a local hospital and are being treated. Rescuers are searching for one person reporting missing.

10 exposed to radiation at Japanese nuclear plant

IWAKI, Japan (AP)—Ten workers at Japan's crippled nuclear plant were exposed Monday to small amounts of radiation while conducting cleanup activities, the plant's operator said. Tokyo Electric Power Co. said it is still investigating how the workers were contaminated at the Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant, but that it may have been from radioactive dust. It said small amounts of radiation were found on the workers' faces and hair.

India unveils home-built aircraft carrier

NEW DELHI (AP)—India has launched its first home-built aircraft carrier, marking another milestone in its efforts to bolster its maritime presence. Defense Minister A.K. Antony said Monday that India needs a strong navy to defend itself, and that it will press ahead with developing its maritime capabilities. India joins the U.S., Russia, France and Britain in building its own carrier. The carrier was launched at the Kochi shipyard in southern Kerala state, but it still needs to be outfitted and extensive trials held before it is inducted into the Indian navy in 2018.

Islamic party enforces shutdown in Bangladesh

DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)—Bangladesh's largest Islamic party is enforcing a 48-hour general strike across the country to denounce a court decision that its registration with the Election Commission is invalid. On Aug. 1, a High Court panel ruled that the Jamaat-e-Islami party's regulations violate the constitutional provision of secularism by saying it wants to impose Sharia law. Because of the court decision the party could be barred from taking part in the next elections. TV stations report that party activists took to the streets, blocked roads and burned tires to enforce the shutdown across the country on Tuesday, the first day of the shutdown.

World

44 gunned down in Nigeria mosque

MAIDUGURI, Nigeria (AP)—Suspected Islamic militants wearing army fatigues gunned down 44 people praying at a mosque in northeast Nigeria, while another 12 civilians died in an apparently simultaneous attack, security agents said Monday.

Sunday's attacks were the latest in a slew of violence blamed on religious extremists in this West African oil producer, where the radical Boko Haram group, which wants to oust the government and impose Islamic law, poses the greatest security threat in years.

It was not immediately clear why the Islamic Boko Haram would have killed worshipping Muslims, but the group has in the past attacked mosques whose clerics have spoken out against religious extremism. Boko Haram also has attacked Christians outside churches and teachers and schoolchildren, as well as government and military targets.

Since 2010, the militants have been blamed for the killings of more than 1,700 people, according to a count conducted by The Associated Press.

The news about Sunday's violence in Borno state, one of three in the northeast under a military state of emergency, came as journalists received a video featuring Boko Haram leader Abubakar Shekau, who gloats over recent attacks, threatens more, and even says his group is now strong enough to go after the United States.

The mosque slayings occurred Sunday morning in Konduga town, 35 kilometers (22 miles) outside Maiduguri, the capital of Nigeria's Borno state.

A state security service agent and Usman Musa, a member of a civilian militia that works with the military, said Monday they counted the bodies at the mosque after the attack. Musa said four members of his group—known as the Civilian Joint Task Force -also were killed when they reached Konduga and encountered "fierce resistance from heavily armed terrorists."

Musa and the security service agent said the attackers wore military camouflage uniforms used by the Nigerian army, which they may have acquired in one of their attacks on military bases.

Dominican traffic deaths among world's highest

SANTO DOMINGO, Dominican Republic (AP)—High school student Adonis Tineo lay motionless in an overflowing emergency room on a recent afternoon after slamming his motorcycle into a truck laden with rice as he tried to pass a minivan.

He was driving without a license or a helmet on this Caribbean country's chaotic streets. On top of that, he admitted, he was going the wrong way, against traffic.

"The truck hit me so hard," said Tineo, who started using a motorcycle when he was 12. "They don't stop."

The now-17-year-old was just one of an estimated 25 traffic victims who arrive at the Dario Contreras hospital every day. At another hospital in the capital, doctors treat about 120 accident victims daily, the majority of them motorcycle drivers.

Such accidents, in fact, are shaping up as a major health crisis in this 11 million-person country. The Dominican Republic is effectively the deadliest nation anywhere for drivers, second only to the tiny South Pacific island of Niue, where each death among its roughly 1,400 inhabitants spikes the fatality average. For every 100,000 inhabitants in the Dominican Republic, 42 die every year from traffic accidents, according to the World Health Organization.

It's not unusual in the Dominican Republic to see up to five people, including babies, scrunched atop a motorcycle, or for drivers to carry all types of cargo, including heavy gasoline tanks, atop their bikes. Motorists also dodge hundreds of dilapidated cars and trucks as they zoom across lanes without warning, fail to stop at red lights and go against traffic, often at high speed and sometimes even taking over sidewalks.

The problem is so bad that the U.S. State Department dedicates 10 paragraphs on its travel website to warning visitors about the hazards of driving in the country. U.S. officials recommend that tourists hire a professional driver when visiting, but if that's not an option: "Be aware that the utmost caution and defensive driving are necessary."

Study suggests Neanderthals were more advanced

PARIS (AP)—Researchers have found what they say are specialized bone tools made by Neanderthals in Europe thousands of years before modern humans are thought to have arrived to share such skills, a discovery that suggests modern man's distant cousins were more advanced than previously believed.

In a paper published online Monday by the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, researchers discuss their discovery of four fragments of bone in southwestern France that they say were used as lissoirs, or smoothers, to make animal hides tougher and more water-resistant.

The researchers believe the oldest tool is 51,000 years old, while the other three are between 42,000 and 47,000 years old. Similar tools are still used by leather workers to this day.

Until now, scientists have believed that modern humans taught the Neanderthals how to make the tools, but modern humans are only believed to have reached central and western Europe 42,000 years ago.

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This undated photo provided Monday, Aug.12, 2013, by Abri Peyrony Project shows the most complete lissoir, or smoothing tool made of bone, smaller than a person's hand at just a few centimeters long, found during excavations at the Neanderthal site of Abri Peyrony.

The researchers say the discovery provides the first evidence that Neanderthals may have independently made specialized bone tools—that is, tools that could only be made from bone. Other early Neanderthal bone tools were simply replicas of their stone tools.

The find adds to an evolving understanding that these distant cousins weren't perhaps the brutes they have come to represent in popular culture—but also confirms that there is still much we don't know about them.

"It's adding to a growing body of research, that's growing quite rapidly at the moment, that's showing that Neanderthals are capable and did produce tools ... in a way that is much more similar to modern humans than we thought even a couple of years ago," said Rachel Wood, an archaeologist and researcher in radiocarbon dating at the Australian National University who was not involved in the study.

Campus Life

It's back to School at Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja

It's August and a new school year has arrived.

Just fresh out of Eskuelan San Francisco de Borja Summer Camp 2013, the students are back to school and it's that time to welcome the entire ESFDB administration, faculty, staff, and student population for the 2013-2014 school year!

The administration, faculty, staff, and students had their Holy Spirit Mass on Aug. 9, 2013, to kick off the new school year. The Mass was officiated by Monsignor Louis Antonelli, founding father of ESFDB and pastor for San Isidro Church, Rota.

The teachers prepared their classrooms and lesson plans, while the school administration are lining up community support for students and their families, all with the goal of aligning our Catholic faith, school curriculum, and community partnerships to prepare our children with 21st century skills and knowledge.

According to school administrator/principal, Carmen H. Atalig, "ESFDB strive to create a special bond among students, the church, the school, the home, and the Luta community—an investment that pays lifelong dividends. The ability of ESFDB to build on both tangible and intangible resources is reflected in the school's vision and mission that permeates the total education program."

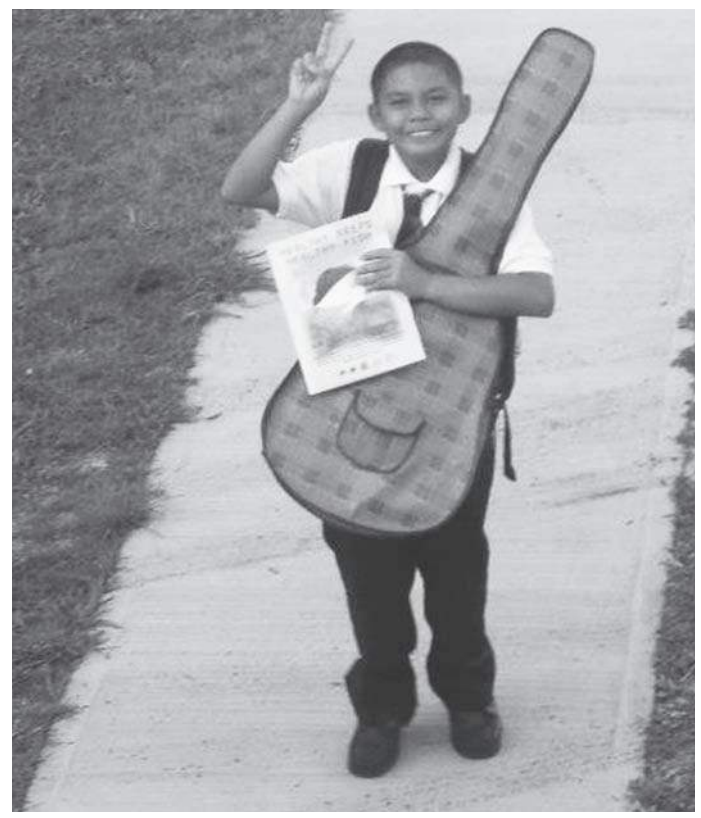
"The mission of our religious Catholic education at ESFDB is to look upon each child as created in the image and likeness of God and as a reflection of His goodness," Atalig added.

She said that ESFDB had a slight increase of student enrollment this school year, complemented by some scholarship provided by the school's alumni.

"ESFDB Catholic education is a challenge. High standards, strong motivation, effective discipline and an atmosphere of caring combine to foster excellence, and the high quality student performance makes ESFDB a challenging institution," said ESFDB board president Edward Maratita Jr. "Whether it's practicing the Living Rosary, singing in Sunday Masses, or winning the academic title…the administrative/faculty team at ESFDB stands ready to coordinate another amazing school year."

ESFDB Administration, faculty, staff, students, and parents pose for a souvenir photo with Monsignor Louis Antonelli after the Mass to kick off the school year 2013 – 2014.

ESFDB principal and kindergarten adviser Carmen Atalig welcomes her student, Edward U. Maratita III.



Returning 6th grade student Angelo Lucero is all prepared for the first day of school. He brought his guitar to lead the school choir.

ESFDB's dedicated team of administrative and faculty staff is led by school administrator/principal and kindergarten adviser Carmen H. Atalig. She brings 20-plus years of experience in the Public School System classroom and management that has been invaluable to ESFDB. Atalig used to be principal of Sinapalo Elementary School on Rota.

"I am thrilled to have been given the opportunity to share my gifts with the ESFDB family and help our children grow in our Catholic faith and receive an excellent academic education," she said.

The preschool program is headed by Lea D. Maratita and assisted by Ann Marie H. Toves. Maratita is also the school's business office manager.

Florinda M. Chavez, adviser for the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade, is the most seasoned faculty in the ESFDB team. She was around since the school was established and she served under four administrators.

"It is a joy instilling in students a love of learning and appreciation of our Catholic heritage, and most importantly, building a strong faith foundation for [them]," said Chavez.

Like Chavez, Mary Rose S. Lucero is another seasoned faculty who served under the school's past four administrators. She will be this year's4th, 5th, and 6th grade adviser.

Rev. Fr. Charlie Borja, pastor of San Francisco de Borja Church, Rota, will be handling the 7th and 8th grade Religion classes as well as the 8th grade math and science.

Rounding out the team is ESFDB board president and 7th and 8th grade adviser Edward Maratita Jr., who is also tasked to strengthen the Physical Education and Athletic Program to complement the school's academic strength.

ESFDB offers a religious based curriculum that includes religion, music, language arts, computers, math, social studies, art, science, physical education and health, as well as the traditional classes. ***(Edward C. Maratita Jr.)***

UOG launches new student financial aid program

This fall, the University of Guam is launching the Access to Higher Education Financial Assistance Program, which awards up to $3,000 per academic year to qualified students. The amount awarded is based on a student's Free Application for Federal Student Aid Expected Family Contribution score.

Created through Public Law 31-237 and funded by GovGuam, Access to Higher Education is part of UOG's portfolio of locally funded financial aid programs. Eligibility requirements include Guam residency for at least four years, a high school GPA of 2.5, and a completed 2013-2014 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

"The first step in the financial aid process is to fill out the FAFSA," said UOG Financial Aid director Mark Duarte. "Your EFC score is necessary for a number of financial aid opportunities."

The program is designed to work individually or in conjunction with the federal Pell grant, which requires an ECF of 0 to 5,081. UOG's Access to Higher Education, however, increases a student's chances of receiving aid with an EFC eligibility range of 0 to 7,000.

Duarte added, "We've structured the Access to Higher Education program in such a way that the students who receive lower Pell grant funding receive higher amounts."

The deadline to apply for the Access to Higher Education Financial Assistance Program is Aug. 30, 2013. Applications and eligibility requirements are available online at www.uog.edu/financialaid. For more information, contact the UOG Financial Aid Office at 735-2288. UOG fall semester begins Aug. 21, and class registration is currently ongoing. ***(UOG)***

KagES kindergarten registration

Kagman Elementary School is still accepting kindergarten registrations. Your child must be 5 years old on or before Aug. 31, 2013. Kindergarten is now in full day session from 8am to 2:30pm.

Requirements needed are copy of child's birth certificate, original copy of school entrance health certificate, copy of health insurance, and proof of legal guardianship (if any).

School Zone: Kagman 1, 2, 3 and Phase 4, Papago, Talofofo, and As Teo (Santa Lourdes).

Please call the school at 237-3965 or 237-3967 if you have any question or concerns. Office hours is from 7:30am to 4:30pm (Monday to Friday). ***(PR)***

Life & Style

Race-based claims thrown out in Paula Deen lawsuit

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP)—A federal judge Monday threw out race discrimination claims by a former Savannah restaurant manager whose lawsuit against Paula Deen has already cost the celebrity cook a valuable chunk of her culinary empire.

Lisa Jackson sued Deen and her brother, Bubba Hiers, last year saying she suffered from sexual harassment and racially offensive talk and employment practices that were unfair to black workers during her five years as a manager of Uncle Bubba's Seafood and Oyster House. Deen is co-owner of the restaurant, which is primarily run by her brother.

But claims of race discrimination by Jackson, who is white, were gutted in the 20-page opinion by U.S. District Court Judge William T. Moore Jr. The judge agreed with lawyers for Deen and Hiers that Jackson has no standing to sue her former employers for what she claims was poor treatment of black workers, regardless of her claims that she was offended and placed under additional stress.

Jackson, at best, "is an accidental victim of the alleged racial discrimination," Moore said in his ruling. "There are no allegations that defendant Hiers's racially offensive comments were either directed toward plaintiff or made with the intent to harass her."

Deen

The ruling lets stand Jackson's claims that Hiers sexually harassed her when she worked at the restaurant from 2005 to 2010. However, the judge said he was reserving the chance to rule on requests from Deen's lawyers to dismiss other claims in the lawsuit.

The judge added that to allow Jackson to seek legal recourse for discrimination directed toward other workers "would serve to conscript federal courts as human resource departments that are responsible for imposing and monitoring a federally created standard for harmony in the workplace."

Of course, Jackson's race-based claims have already resulted in serious damage to Deen's public image. It was Jackson's lawyer who questioned Deen under oath in May when she acknowledged having used racial slurs in the past. A transcript of the legal deposition became public in June, and the backlash against Deen caused the Food Network and other corporate sponsors and business partners to drop her.

Still, Deen's publicist issued an upbeat statement Monday.

"We are pleased with the court's ruling today that Lisa Jackson's claims of race discrimination have been dismissed," Elana Weiss said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press. "As Ms. Deen has stated before, she is confident that those who truly know how she lives her life know that she believes in equal opportunity, kindness and fairness for everyone."

Guns N' Roses proposal prompts police probe

AP

In this Dec. 7,2012 file photo, Guns N' Roses guitarist DJ Ashba reacts to the crowd as he performs during a concert in Bangalore, India.

LAS VEGAS (AP)—Las Vegas police are investigating whether employees went too far for reportedly helping the guitarist of Guns N' Roses execute a grand romantic gesture.

Daren Jay "DJ" Ashba posted a photo on Instagram Saturday of himself and his girlfriend, Colombian actress and model Nathalia Henao, wearing helicopter headgear. He thanked the Las Vegas police department for "the most amazing" private helicopter tour over the city, saying it ended in a field at police headquarters, where he proposed amid roses and "a bottle of the bubble stuff."

"That was the most incredible day of our life!!" he wrote in the post, which came after a picture of a round-cut diamond solitaire with the caption, "She said yes!!!"

"(I)t was beautiful she didn't expect a thing, it was magical. And thanks to our good friends for helping making it all happen!!" Ashba, 40, continued.

Guns N' Roses' publicist confirmed the validity of the Instagram account to The Associated Press. She said the couple met three years ago in Rome and got engaged Wednesday.

Las Vegas police issued a statement Saturday acknowledging two civilians were granted a ride-along in a helicopter, although they didn't mention names and didn't offer many details.

"An internal affairs investigation has been initiated to determine if any department policies or regulations were violated in granting this ride-along," spokesman Bill Cassell said.

The helicopter ride comes as the department is already strapped for cash. Last week, Sheriff Doug Gillespie continued his push to increase sales tax in Clark County—which includes Las Vegas—from 8.1 to 8.25 percent.

The tax initiative, dubbed "More Cops," is aimed at plugging a $30 million budget hole, thereby saving some positions from being cut and allowing new officers to be hired.

Museum hopes to buy Jane Austen's ring from singer

LONDON (AP)—A Jane Austen museum said Monday it has received 100,000 pounds ($155,000) from an anonymous benefactor to help it buy the writer's ring back from singer Kelly Clarkson.

Earlier this month, the British government placed a temporary export ban on the gold-and-turquoise ring in the hope that money could be found to keep it in Britain.

The Jane Austen's House museum said it had raised 103,200 pounds of the 152,450-pound asking price since launching a fundraising campaign on Friday, most of it from a single anonymous donation.

"We are two-thirds of the way there in 48 hours, which is tremendous, but we're not there yet," said museum fundraiser Louise West.

The author of "Pride and Prejudice," who died at age 41 in 1817, left the ring to her sister Cassandra. It remained in the family until it was sold at a Sotheby's auction last year.

The museum at Austen's former home in Chawton, southern England, had hoped to buy the ring last year but was outbid when it sold for five times the estimated price.

Clarkson—an Austen fan who owns a first edition of the author's novel "Persuasion"—was the successful buyer. But she has been prevented from taking the ring home to the U.S. by a power that allows the British government to temporarily halt the export of works judged to be national treasures.

The museum has until December to raise the rest of the money, and Clarkson has agreed to sell the ring should a buyer come forward.

West said the situation is a shame for Clarkson, "but the ring should stay in this country, because there is so little of Austen's personal effects left."

West said the museum had invited the 2002 "American Idol" winner to come visit the next time she is in Britain. She said Clarkson's interest in the author was another sign that Austen's popularity remains strong, 200 years after she published her most famous novel, "Pride and Prejudice."

"It is very good for Jane Austen PR that a young, famous American pop star expresses a love for her," West said.

In Celebration of Her New Life

Carmen Camacho Atalig

Born to life on July 16, 1942 and was called to
her Eternal rest on August 11, 2013
at the age of 71

In Her New Life, She Now Joins Her:
Husband: Angel Dela Cruz Atalig
Father: Jose Castro Camacho
Mother: Veronica Lizama Camacho
Sister: Maria Lizama Camacho
Son In-Law: Rudolpho M. King
Grandson: Robert Atalig Tudela
Nieces: Magdalena C. Songao, Laura Apatang Borja
Father In-Law: Juan Lizama Atalig
Mother In-Law: Guadalupe DLC. Evangelista
Stepfather In-Law: Sylvestre Reyes Evangelista
Sister In-Laws: Ana Atalig Masga/Mateo, Angelica DLC. Atalig, Priana DLC. Atalig, Francisca DLC. Atalig, Dolores Q. Atalig
Brother In-Laws: Maria Atalig Apatang/Manuel, Guillermo DLC. Atalig, Joaquin L. Atalig

Her Memories Will Forever Live In The Hearts of Her:
Children/Spouses, Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren:
Josephine C. & Ray Basa (Rodney and children, Rowena and children, Lora and children, Juan Jr. & Jadine, Ignatia & Francisco Jr and children)
Cynthia A. & Francisco Tudela (Aldibert, Randy & Connie and children, Angelo and children, Sydney and children, Perry & Jolyn, Robert Dee)
Joseph A. & Melinda Aguon (Jenny & Sam and children, Jolynn & David and children, Yvette & Jesse and children, Antonette & Manny and children, Joseph Jr., Joemel)
Angelica A. & Anthony Pablo (Abigail & Teddy and children, Zachary, Rudolpho, Jeremy)
Richard A. & Jessamine Igitol (Chad Joseph & Kaylynn and children, Sasha & Jesse and child, Richard Jr., DeAna)

Brothers, Sisters and In-Laws:
Margarita C. & Estanislao Songao and children, Robert Allen & Annie Lizama and children, Barbara DLC. Evangelista & Juan Barcinas and children, Jose DLC. & Winnifreda Atalig and children, Martin DLC. Atalig and children, Gabriel DLC. & Mitsue Evangelista and children

She is also survived by numerous Uncles, Aunties, Cousins, Nephews, Nieces, Godchildren and friends.

Daily Mass of Intention is being offered at Kristo Rai Church at 6:00AM.
Nightly Rosary is being said at 8:00PM at the family residence in San Roque.

On Monday, August 19, 2013 at 7:30AM our beloved's body will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to the family residence in San Roque for viewing and last respects. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00AM at San Roque Church followed by Interment Service at the San Roque Cemetery.

Si Yu'us Ma'ase – Thank You
The Family

In 'The Butler,' history told through a black lens

NEW YORK (AP)—History in the movies has often been seen through white eyes: civil rights-era tales with white protagonists reacting to a changing world.

"I've been in some of those movies," says David Oyelowo, a star in "Lee Daniels' The Butler." "I was in the 'The Help.'"

The viewpoint of "The Butler," though, is refreshingly colorful. In it, Forest Whitaker plays Cecil Gaines, a man born to sharecroppers who's turned into a domestic servant. After fleeing north, he rises to serve as a butler in the White House for seven successive presidents, spanning from Eisenhower to Reagan, from Jim Crow to Barack Obama.

Though "The Butler" is based on the life of the long-serving White House butler Eugene Allen, it's a composite history (scripted by Danny Strong) where the currents of change—Emmett Till to the Black Panthers—course through a black family whose proximity to power doesn't make it any less elusive. Daniels' film isn't obsessive in its period detail (John Cusack plays Nixon with little makeup), but it moves to its own rhythm—one that films have usually set to a different beat.

"I'm grateful that these stories of African-Americans struggling in America are brought to light by anybody," says Daniels. "But it's always great to see it from the perspective of someone who has actually lived it and walked it and is it."

The film, which the Weinstein Co. will release Friday after a public and protracted feud with Warner Bros. over the rights to the title of "The Butler," also stars Oprah Winfrey as Gaines' wife and Oyelow as his firebrand son. The crux of the film is in the father-son relationship: one who effects change passively in a quiet dignity that slowly gathers a cumulative force, and another who resolutely protests on whites-only counters to spur action.

Winfrey, who co-produced Daniels' "Precious," was coaxed back into acting 15 years after "Beloved" by a persistent Daniels and by what she considered an important story.

"I was like: What is this movie?" says Winfrey. "But I could feel the heartbeat of a generation of men who had given themselves to their families and to their work and to creating a better life for themselves.

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This film image released by The Weinstein Company shows Robin Williams as Dwight Eisenhower, left, and Forest Whitaker as Cecil Gaines in a scene from "Lee Daniels' The Butler."

"Men like him," she adds, "are and were the foundation of the African-American community. I want people to know that person, that level of middle-class, hardworking man of integrity exists. That is who we are."

For Whitaker, the part was a welcome return to heavyweight performance (he sometimes played Gaines across three ages in one day), a thread the actor felt he had lost after his Oscar-winning turn as Ugandan dictator Idi Amin in 2006's "The Last King of Scotland." But Whitaker says he was "reinvigorated" by the demands of immersing himself in Gaines—listening to interview recordings of the deceased Allen, studying with a butler coach—to create who he calls a "quiet champion."

"Who are the owners of the White House?" says Whitaker, whose performance is being hailed by critics as one of his finest. "In fact, it is the people who own the White House and the presidents are, in a way, visitors. Since the White House staff lives there for 20 to 30 years on a normal basis, it's their home."

Creating the generational conflict of "The Butler" was particularly cathartic for the 53-year-old Daniels who has teenage twins (a son and daughter), and who was the victim of abuse from his policeman father growing up in West Philadelphia.

"Through this now, I understand where the abuse came from," says Daniels. "I understand and I forgive him, finally. He knew no better. His father beat him and his father's father beat him. It stemmed from slavery. It takes a very evolved person not to pass that on to your next generation. I know now why he beat me, because he didn't know any other way of communicating."

"I love him," says Daniels, finally breaking down into tears.

The line of history through "The Butler" runs right up to the present with plenty of contemporary reverberations beyond Obama. The film is a reminder for young audiences of the great accomplishments of an older generation of black Americans, but it also, as Oyelowo says, "contextualizes the America we live in today."

"For me, one of the private privileges was—especially with recent events like Trayvon Martin, with the erosion of the Voting Rights Bill, with the fact that we now have a black president—that it sort of put into context the best and the worst of America," says Oyelowo.

Such context is intensely personal for many, including the film's cast. Winfrey has recently spoken about an incident in Switzerland where a clerk suggested a hand bag was too expensive for her. In February, national news was made when a New York city deli employee frisked Whitaker out of suspicion for shoplifting.

"I've had incidents like that many times in my life," says Whitaker, who would prefer to look at the larger issues than focus on his particular incident. "It's such a broad scope thing. To just say, `Oh, look what happened in this deli' when we're talking about things that permeate all over the place."

This year has produced an atypical burst of major films dealing with issues of racism head on, including the recent "Fruitvale Station" (of which Whitaker is a producer), the upcoming "12 Years a Slave" by Steve McQueen, an upcoming adaptation of Langston Hughes' "Black Nativity," and the upcoming biopic "Mandela: Long Walk to Freedom."

But "The Butler," which Daniels found after his Martin Luther King Jr. film "Selma" (in which Oyelowo was to star as King) fell apart, was difficult to get made. It was passed on by all the major studios. Daniels and the late producer Laura Ziskin sought financing independently from wealthy African Americans. The film has 35 credited producers, which is believed to be a record.

"When you are a minority, not only must you endure what minorities endure, but that also means in the workforce," says Daniels. "In my workforce, which is creating film, it's harder. And that's OK because that makes me work harder. It teaches my son to work harder. I don't look at is as woe is me. ... No way. Get up and go to work, man. It's politically incorrect, anyway, to scream racism in Hollywood, in America. It's time to now not do that. We've got to call it as we see it. All of the adversity I've gone through—be it being called faggot, be it being called nigger—all of that has made me the man that I am."

YARN BOMB

A volunteer works at attaching some of the 580 blanket-sized, hand-knitted panels to the pedestrian walkway of the Andy Warhol bridge on Sunday, Aug. 11, 2013, in downtown Pittsburgh. More than 1,800 knitters covered the bridge in 3,000 feet of colorful yarn, in what organizers claim is the nation's largest yarn bomb. The term applies to artists who knit coverings for everyday objects like lampposts, street signs and trees. The project was organized by the Fiberarts Guild of Pittsburgh and other local institutions. The bridge will be covered in the yarn—3,000 feet (914 meters) of it—until Sept. 6.

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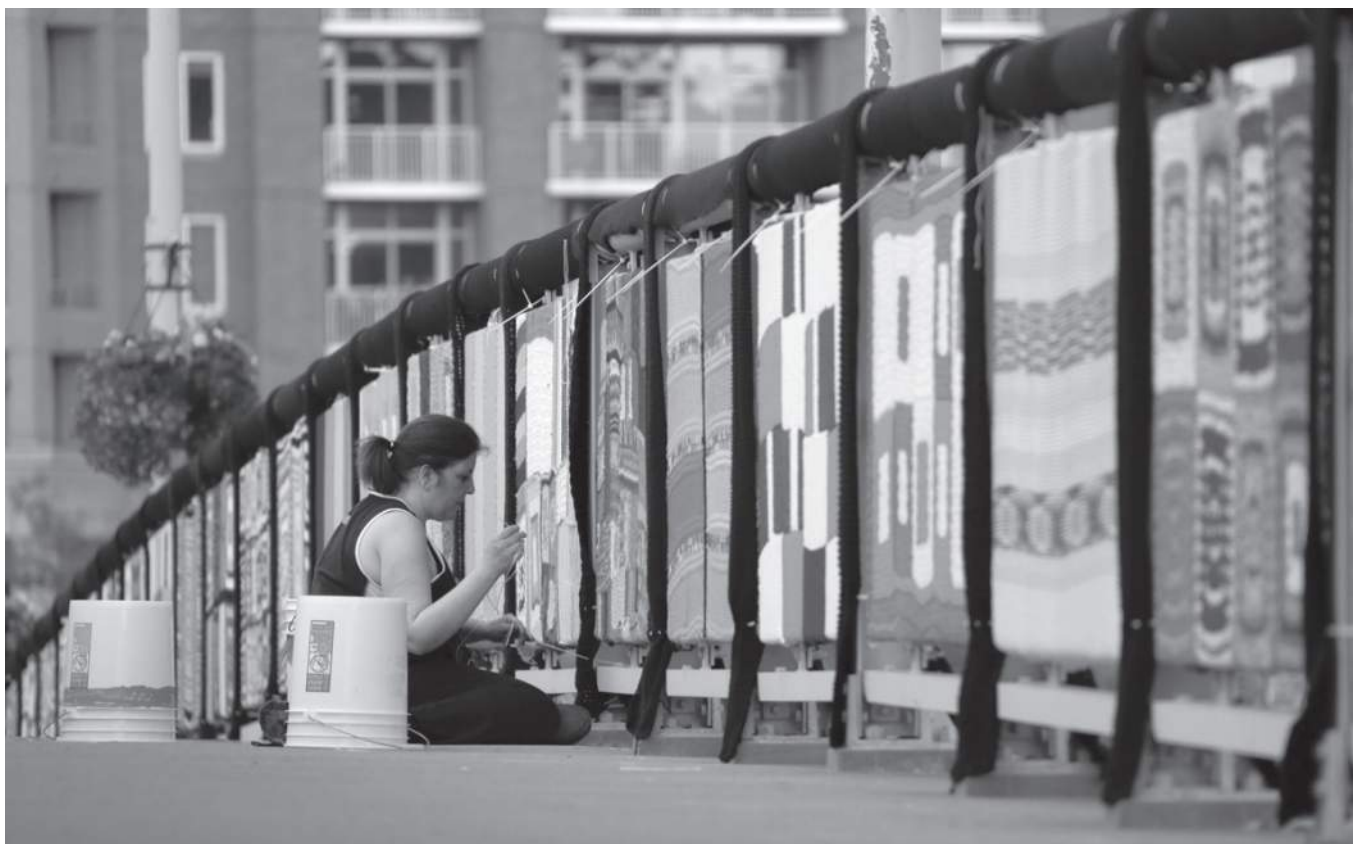

Albuquerque hopes 'Breaking Bad' ending a start

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP)—It's been five years of meth addicts, deadly shootings, violent drug traffickers and hidden secrets of the desert.

And throughout the filming of AMC hit television series "Breaking Bad" in Albuquerque, interest in this Southwestern city from tourists has grown and local businesses have sought to cash in. A doughnut shop sells treats laced with blue "meth" toppings, for example, while a bike rental business gives tours of characters' favorite spots.

But now that "Breaking Bad" is returning for its final episodes, Albuquerque shops and tourist attractions are trying to take advantage of the popular show's last moments before the series fades from memory.

The city's visitors' bureau hosted a watch party Sunday for the premiere of the last season's first episode, drawing more than 450 fans. Stores held specials to sell "Breaking Bad" memorabilia. There was even a "Breaking Bad" marathon at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Albuquerque, followed by Mass, then its own watch party for the last season's premiere.

"It's been great for us," said Debbie Ball, owner of The Candy Lady store, who sells blue "Breaking Bad" meth treats and offers limousine tours of scenes from the series. "People are always coming in and asking about `Breaking Bad.' I hate to see it end but I also can't wait to see how it ends."

"Breaking Bad," which was filmed largely in Albuquerque, follows former high school teacher Walter White, played by Bryan Cranston, producing and selling methamphetamine with a former student, Jesse Pinkman, played by Aaron Paul. The show, with its dark themes and addictive story-line, often features different parts of the city from a regular car-wash to well-known local restaurants.

The Nielsen ratings company said Monday that 5.9 million people watched the first of the Emmy Award-winning show's eight final episodes Sunday night. That's nearly double the largest audience it has ever reached for an episode. The previous record was just under 3 million and came last August.

"At first, Albuquerque was shown through its skies and a lot of local spots," said Tania Armenta, a vice president for the Albuquerque Convention & Visitors Bureau. "The fact is that Albuquerque really has become its own a character in the show."

Recently producers of "Breaking Bad" thanked the city of Albuquerque for playing host through the filming of the show's five seasons by purchasing advertising on billboards around the city. The billboard read: "Thanks Albuquerque. We had great chemistry."

Keith West-Harrison, co-owner of Miss Celie's Spa, which has sold blue bath salts called "Bathing Bad," said show producers didn't stop him from selling his product even though he didn't get permission to use the term. (It's actually bath salt used to bathe, not the street drug also known as "bath salt," although it resembles the blue meth from the show.)

In fact, he said crews ordered 450 bags of his product for the show's wrap party. "They've been very supportive," he said.

Ann Lerner, the city's film liaison, said although the series is ending, the show has sparked more interest in the city from television and film producers. NBC's "The Night Shift" will begin filming later this month, she said. Another project, which hasn't been announced, will start production in September, she added.

"It's amazing," Lerner said. "People in Hollywood can actually spell Albuquerque now."

Katy Perry to perform new single on MTV's VMAs

NEW YORK (AP)—Katy Perry is returning to the stage at the MTV Video Music Awards.

Perry will sing her new song, "Roar," live for the first time. She hasn't performed at the VMAs since 2009.

The VMAs will air live from Brooklyn on Aug. 25. Justin Timberlake and Macklemore & Ryan Lewis lead the nominations with six apiece and Bruno Mars is next at four.

"Roar," released Monday, is the first single from Perry's new album, "PRISM," due out Oct. 22. Perry is a four-time VMA winner, including top honor video of the year for "Firework."

Others announced for the show include Lady Gaga and Kanye West, who will be performing for a record-tying seventh time.

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This July 28, 2013 file photo shows singer Katy Perry at the world premiere of "The Smurfs 2" in Los Angeles.

Last season opener of AMC's 'Breaking Bad' big hit

NEW YORK (AP)—The return of "Breaking Bad" for the start of its final eight episodes on Sunday reached nearly double the biggest audience the show had ever had for an episode.

The Nielsen ratings company said Monday that 5.9 million people watched Sunday's episode, which featured a gripping confrontation between star Bryan Cranston's Walter White character and the brother-in-law who had suddenly realized White was the drug kingpin he had been searching for. The Emmy Award-winning series, which began in 2008 on AMC, ends in September.

The largest previous audience for a "Breaking Bad" episode was just under 3 million last August.

"Breaking Bad" has grown steadily through the help of word of mouth and critical acclaim. It averaged 1.2 million viewers per episode for its first season and nearly 2.6 million for its most recent season.

Sunday's ratings also are dramatic evidence of how a critically acclaimed show grows its fan base during a hiatus through people who check it out on DVDs or video on demand.

AMC's new series "Low Winter Sun," with the help of a strong lead-in from "Breaking Bad," was seen by 2.5 million people for its debut Sunday.

Another Skywalker: Lucas, wife have baby daughter

NEW YORK (AP)—"Star Wars" creator George Lucas and new wife Mellody Hobson have had a baby daughter.

Representatives for the 69-year-old filmmaker announced the birth Monday. Everest Hobson Lucas was born Friday, the first child for Lucas and Hobson, who were married in June. The baby was born via surrogate.

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This June 16, 2013 file photo released by Entertainment Fusion Group shows producer George Lucas, left, and his wife Mellody Hobson at The 40th Annual Daytime Emmy Awards in Beverly Hills.

Hobson is Lucas' second wife. She is president of Ariel Investments and chairman of the board for DreamWorks Animation.

Lucas also has a 32-year-old daughter, a 25-year-old daughter and a 20-year-old son. He was previously married to film editor Marcia Lou Griffin.

New Carole King musical will star Jessie Mueller

NEW YORK (AP)—Jessie Mueller has nabbed a beautiful Broadway role - she'll be playing celebrated songwriter Carole King in a new musical about the woman who wrote such hits as "It's Too Late" and "You've Got a Friend."

Producers said Monday that Mueller, who was last on Broadway opposite Matthew Broderick in "Nice Work If You Can Get It," will lead "Beautiful: The Carole King Musical," which starts previews Nov. 21 at the Steven Sondheim Theatre.

King composed dozens of 1960s hits with then-husband Gerry Goffin before emerging as a recording artist in her own right. Her 25 million-selling "Tapestry" launched the singer-songwriter era in 1971 and became the first real blockbuster album.

The new musical is written by Academy Award-nominated filmmaker Douglas McGrath.

NY's US Sen. Gillibrand has book deal

NEW YORK (AP)—U.S. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand is very much an advocate for leaning in.

Gillibrand, a New York Democrat, has a deal with Ballantine Bantam Dell to write a book that's both a memoir and a call to action for women and will build upon the goals of her Off the Sidelines political action committee.

"I am incredibly excited about this opportunity to expand on the work I have been doing through my Off the Sidelines initiative, encouraging all women—whether they're in the halls of government, executive boardrooms and corner offices or attending local government meetings, PTA meetings and even neighborhood gatherings—to make their voices heard," Gillibrand said in a statement issued by Ballantine.

The publisher, a division of Random House Inc., told The Associated Press on Monday the Gillibrand book, currently untitled, is scheduled for the fall of 2014.

Gillibrand, since joining the U.S. Senate in 2009, has been recruiting women for political office and through Off the Sidelines has raised more than $1 million for female candidates. In a recent interview, Gillibrand said she "looks out" for books by and about women such as Facebook executive Sheryl Sandberg's best-selling "Lean In," a manifesto for women in the workplace, and the million-selling "Living History," by Hillary Rodham Clinton, whom Gillibrand succeeded in the Senate after Clinton became U.S. secretary of state.

Gillibrand

"I've already learned so much from Hillary as a role model and from the challenges she's faced," said Gillibrand, whose literary representative, Robert Barnett, negotiated deals for "Living History" and for Clinton's upcoming book about her years as secretary of state.

Gillibrand has been mentioned as a possible presidential candidate for 2016, and books have become a standard part of national campaigns. But the senator has said her dream is to see Clinton get the job.

Gillibrand, the 46-year-old mother of two young boys, wants to use her own life as an example for others. According to Ballantine, her book will include "stories about her upbringing, her experiences in Congress, the friendships she has forged there, and how she integrates marriage and motherhood into a dynamic and demanding political career."

Freeloading baby daddy refuses to hit the road

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

DearAbby

DEAR ABBY: My 22-year-old daughter and her two young children live with me. She doesn't work, which is fine. I don't mind supporting her because I'd rather have the kids see their mom.

I spent most of my life as a single mom, working long hours and not seeing my kids. My work has finally paid off, and I'm at a point where, while not rich, I can support my daughter and grandbabies.

The problem is the baby daddy. He has a history of drug abuse, theft and jail time. He works only part-time jobs, which he loses monthly. He gives my daughter nothing and treats her as if she owes him.

I don't want to support him, but he has moved in and won't leave my house. I have told him to go, that he's welcome to visit the kids, but he ignores me. It's like talking to a wall. He won't even acknowledge that I told him to leave. He acts like he's king of the castle when it's my home! I can't take it anymore. I pay all the bills.

I told my daughter, and she ignores me as well. My oldest son has offered to talk to them for me. I don't want to lose my grandbabies. They are my purpose in life. Please help.

FURIOUS IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR FURIOUS: Part of your problem may be the degree to which you enable your daughter. You won't be around forever. She needs to learn to be independent so she can support herself and those children. Clearly, Baby Daddy isn't man enough to be of any assistance.

If he has lived with you for a while, you may need a lawyer to get him out. According to Los Angeles attorney Lee Dresie: "You can get rid of the freeloader by giving him a 30-day 'notice to leave' in writing. It should say, 'You have 30 days to leave my home. If you don't, I will bring an action to evict you.' If he still refuses to go, consult an attorney who specializes in eviction law."

This is Abby again: Be sure you have a witness present when the notice is given so Baby Daddy can't deny receiving it. Your son could be that witness, and yes, he should be asked to lead the discussion on how to resolve this situation.

It is also troubling that the daughter for whom you provide food and shelter is ignoring you. You're treated this way because you don't assert yourself. Please do it before Baby Daddy impregnates her again and you have four people to support.

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DEAR ABBY: I'm 27 and have an issue that has bothered me for most of my life. I have overly hot/sweaty hands and feet. When I was dating women, they wouldn't want to hold my hand, which bothered me a lot. Also, my friends sometimes make fun of me for it.

I am entering a profession that will require lots of handshaking with potential clients. This will be an issue for me because I don't want to make a bad impression. Do you have any suggestions?

SWEATY IN NORTH DAKOTA

DEAR SWEATY: Yes! There is help for your problem, and the way to get it is to talk with a dermatologist. There is a product that can curb the excessive sweating (hyperhidrosis), but a doctor must prescribe it for you. Botox injections could also help, but they should be administered by a physician. There is also a machine used to treat this condition. The dermatologist can help you decide which solution would be the best for you.

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Pastimes

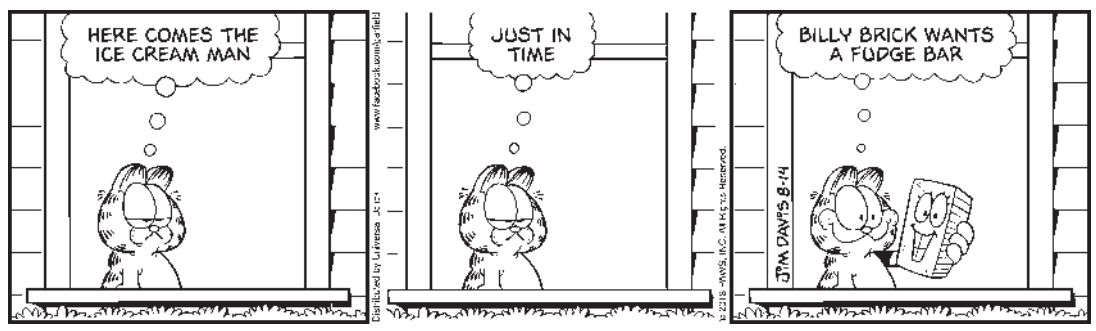
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

LOOK! SUSIE SEES THE LETTER! SHE'S PICKING IT UP! SHE'S READING THE ENVELOPE!
..SHE'S WALKING OVER HERE...
YOU DROPPED THIS LETTER FOR HOBBES. HERE.
UM.. GEE, THANKS.
WELL, THAT WAS AWFULLY DECENT OF HER.
IT'S NO USE! IT'S NO USE! EVERYBODY GETS GOOD ENEMIES, EXCEPT ME!

Garfield®

By Jim Davis



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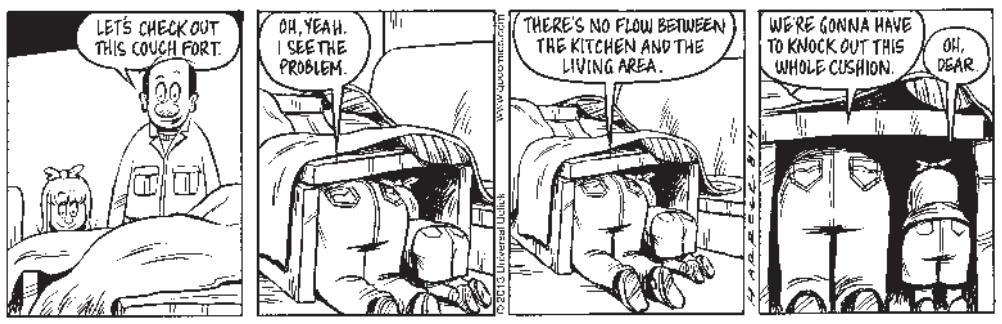
By Bryan Basset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OH, YEAH. I SEE THE PROBLEM.
THERE'S NO FLOW BETWEEN THE KITCHEN AND THE LIVING AREA.
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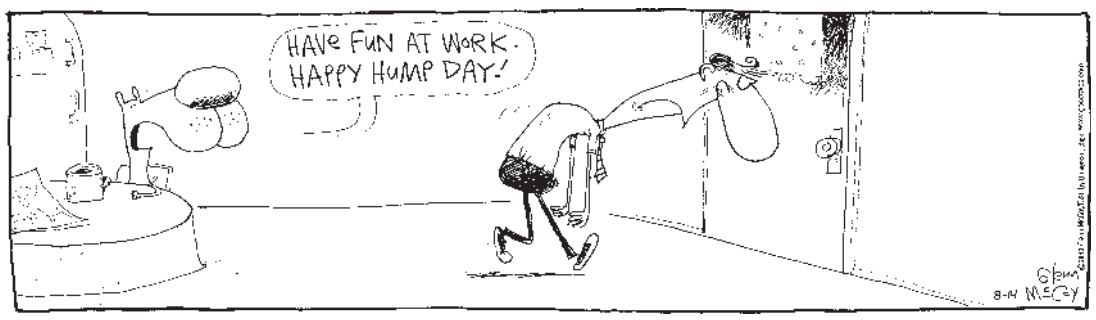
OH, DEAR.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy



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By Eugene Sheffer

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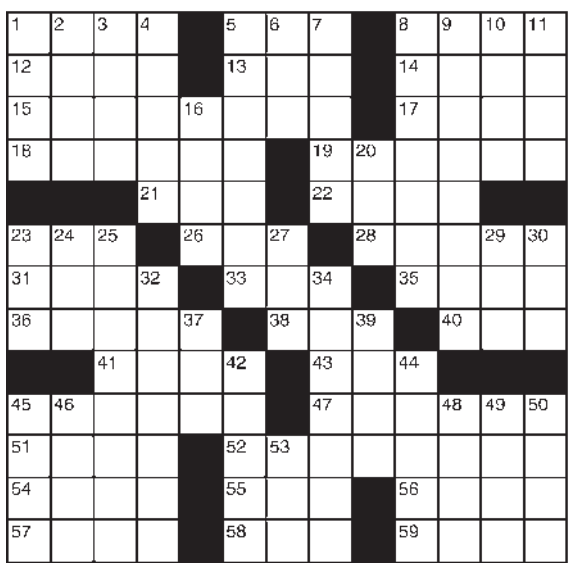

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CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Tim Tebow, 26; Mila Kunis, 30; Halle Berry, 47; Steve Martin, 68.

Happy Birthday: Compromise will be necessary if you want to advance. Change is inevitable and should be welcomed. You may be prompted to expand or overspend, but you are best to work with what you already have, showing your ability to be efficient and moderate. Don't let emotions lead to negativity. Deal with whatever comes your way and keep moving. Your numbers are 4, 9, 13, 21, 29, 33, 48.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Reconsider your options and take your time deciding what you want to do next. A change in the way you approach a project can make the difference required to be successful. Protect your assets and possessions. Push a creative dream. ✪✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Making your point heard will not be as satisfying as hoped. You are better off listening to complaints and making adjustments that will enable you to complete your tasks on the go. Focus on peace and love, not adversity. ✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Fix up your surroundings or make a move that will help you financially. A change in the way you earn your keep should be based on what you enjoy doing most or have the knowledge or skills to do well. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Socialize and have fun. Get together with someone who counts in your life and discuss future plans. Self-improvement projects will turn out well. Love and romance should be scheduled, as well as spending time with the people you care about most. ✪✪✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): You will face opposition if you are vocal about your plans or the way you feel. Take a secretive approach, and you will face far less interference or meddling. Change is overdue, and initiating your plans will change your life. ✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Mix business with pleasure. Push for what you want at networking events. Your precise and insightful way of doing things will spark interest in a project you want to pursue. Gravitate toward creative, influential people and partners. ✪✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): Stick to simple-but-efficient means to get things done. Use your intelligence and refuse to let anyone push you into something that won't help you reach your goals. Look for partnerships that offer balance as well as inspiration. ✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Express the way you feel. Work at overcoming your lack of confidence, and don't back down until you find a solution. Take control and push until you get your way. Expand your interests by engaging in new pastimes with interesting people. ✪✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Focus on fun, entertainment and learning something new and interesting. Don't share personal secrets, but take a fun-loving approach to life when dealing with people you are trying to impress. Creative budgeting will help you out financially. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Take part in community or social events that allow you to meet individuals with something to offer. A partnership will enable you to expand an interest you have as well as contribute positively to your personal life goals. ✪✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Consider your motives before you take action or blame someone unfairly. Pick your friends wisely and strive to be honest, straightforward and helpful. Tension will mount if you allow others to take advantage of you or vice versa. ✪✪

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Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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Difficulty Level ★★★ 8/14

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Yesterday's SUDOKU Answer

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8	2	9	3	1	4	5	7	6
3	7	5	9	4	8	1	6	2
1	8	6	2	3	5	7	4	9
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By DAVID OUELLET

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Darvish fans career-top 15 in no-hit try vs Astros

HOUSTON (AP)—Yu Darvish was nearly perfect against the Astros once again, taking a no-hit bid into the eighth inning and striking out a career-high 15 to lead the Texas Rangers over Houston 2-1 Monday for their eighth straight win.

Darvish (12-5) dominated the Astros until Carlos Corporan lined a home run into the right-field seats with one out in the eighth for Houston's only hit.

Until the homer, Houston's lone runner came when rookie Jonathan Villar drew a two-out walk in the sixth. A pitch before the walk, Texas catcher A.J. Pierzynski was ejected for arguing with plate umpire Ron Kulpa on a breaking ball he called low.

In early April, Darvish was one out away from a perfect game at Minute Maid Park before Marwin Gonzalez singled between his legs.

Darvish exited after the eighth, having increased his major league-leading strikeout total to 207.

Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for his 35th save. Brett Oberholtzer (2-1) took the loss.

Yankees 2, Angels 1

In New York, minus Mariano Rivera in the ninth inning as the New York Yankees used a pair of relievers to close out the Los Angeles Angels and preserve the win for Hiroki Kuroda.

Kuroda (11-7) tossed three-hit ball for eight shutout innings.

Rivera was given the night off after blowing three straight save chances, including one Sunday. Fans chanted "We want Mo!" after Boone Logan relieved to begin the ninth and allowed a leadoff single to J.B. Shuck.

Yankees manager Joe Girardi said after the game that he wanted to give Rivera a night off after the career saves leader pitched three times in the past five days.

David Robertson struck out Mark Trumbo and ex-Yankee Chris Nelson with the bases loaded for his first save this season.

Garrett Richards (3-4) took the loss.

White Sox 6, Tigers 2

In Chicago, Chris Sale scattered nine hits in his fourth complete game of the season as the Chicago White Sox overcame Miguel Cabrera's fourth homer in fourth games to beat the Detroit Tigers.

Josh Phegley, Gordon Beckham and Alexei Ramirez singled in runs in a three-run fifth inning as Chicago handed AL Central-leading Detroit its third loss in four games.

Sale (8-11) struck out six and walked none, winning his second straight start after going 1-9 in his previous 11.

Cabrera went 2 for 4 with a homer in the first. The AL leader in batting, RBIs and runs scored is second in homers with 37.

Tigers starter Doug Fister (10-6) gave up four runs on eight hits and three walks in six innings.

Twins 3, Indians 0

In Minneapolis, Andrew Albers threw a two-hitter in his second career start as the Minnesota Twins backed him with a pair of home runs to beat Cleveland.

Albers (2-0) allowed just two singles, walked none and struck out two.

Brian Dozier and Trevor Plouffe homered to help the Twins win for the eighth time in 11 games.

Prized prospect Danny Salazar (1-1) gave up three runs on three hits with three walks and five strikeouts in four innings. The slumping Indians have lost seven of their last eight and are in danger of sliding out of the playoff chase.

Athletics 5, Blue Jays 1

In Toronto, Alberto Callaspo hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the ninth inning as the Oakland Athletics topped Toronto.

Callaspo, who had a tiebreaking double in the eighth inning of Sunday's 6-4 win, broke a 1-all deadlock with a bases-loaded double off closer Casey Janssen (4-1).

Ryan Cook (5-2) got two outs.

Royals 6, Marlins 2

In Kansas City, Missouri, Wade Davis came off the family emergency leave list and pitched six solid innings, and Billy Butler homered as Kansas City beat Miami to win for the 17th time in 20 games.

The Marlins are 1-8 in their past nine.

Davis had not pitched since Aug. 2, returning to Florida to be with his family after the death of his stepbrother on Aug. 3.

Davis (6-9) allowed two runs and six hits while striking out three and walking two.

Marlins starter Tom Koehler (3-8) held the Royals hitless until two out in the fourth, when they pieced together four straight hits.

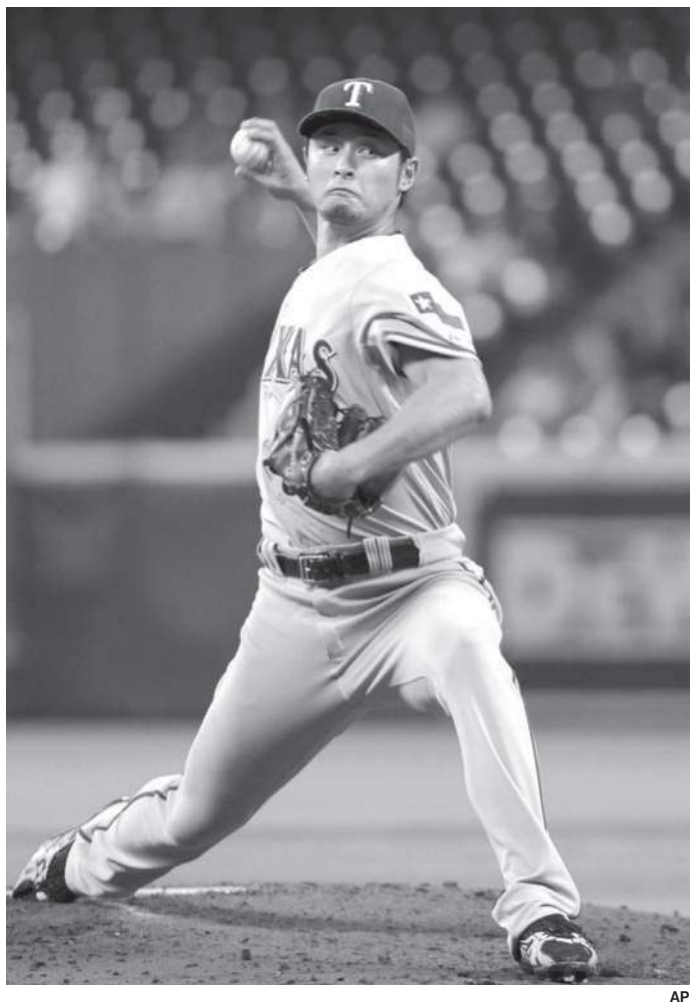
Phillies 5, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Cole Hamels took a shutout into the ninth inning and Cody Asche hit a three-run homer as the Philadelphia Phillies beat the Atlanta Braves in a game overshadowed by a fatal fall at Turner Field.

A police spokesman said a man died after falling more than 60 feet from an upper-level platform to a parking lot. He said the fall occurred before 9 p.m. and appeared to be an accident.

Hamels (5-13) struck out nine with one walk while allowing six hits and one run as the Phillies snapped a streak of 11 straight road losses.

Asche, a left-handed hitter, pulled a fastball from Julio Teheran (9-6) about three rows deep into the right-field seats in the sixth inning.



AP

Texas Rangers' Yu Darvish delivers a pitch against the Houston Astros in the fifth inning of a baseball game Monday, Aug. 12, 2013, in Houston.

Phillies manager Charlie Manuel earned his 1,000th career win.

Dodgers 4, Mets 2

In Los Angeles, Adrian Gonzalez scored the go-ahead run on Yasiel Puig's sacrifice fly that capped a three-run sixth inning, helping Los Angeles beat New York for its sixth straight victory.

The Dodgers improved to 38-8 since June 22, the franchise's best 46-game stretch in the modern era that began in 1900. The 1899 Brooklyn Superbas had 38 wins in several 46-game stretches between April and June.

Gonzalez went 3 for 4 and drove in a run for the seventh straight game, the longest RBI streak on the team this season.

Ricky Nolasco (9-9) extended his winning streak to four. Kenley Jansen got the final four outs to earn his 18th save in 21 chances.

Jenrry Mejia (1-2) gave up three runs—two earned—and six hits in six innings as the Mets' two-game winning streak ended.

Reds 2, Cubs 0

In Chicago, Mat Latos allowed six hits in eight innings, and Brandon Phillips hit a two-run homer in the seventh to lead Cincinnati over All-Star Travis Wood and Chicago.

Latos (12-3) struck out nine for the Reds, who are 13-1 in their last 14 games at Wrigley Field and gained a half-game on idle Pittsburgh and St. Louis in the NL Central.

Aroldis Chapman struck out the side in the ninth inning for his 28th save in 32 tries to hand the Cubs their third straight home shutout loss. They have gone 32 2-3 innings without a run at Wrigley Field.

Phillips provided all the offense with his 15th homer of the season.

Wood (7-9) also went eight innings and allowed Phillips' homer among four hits.

Rockies 14, Padres 2

In Denver, Jhoulys Chacin pitched eight solid innings and drove in a run with a sacrifice fly, leading Colorado past San Diego on a rainy night for its fourth consecutive victory.

D.J. LeMahieu had three hits, including a homer, a double and two RBIs in a game that included a 63-minute weather delay. Dexter Fowler went 3 for 4 with a double and four RBIs, Wilin Rosario added three RBIs and Nolan Arenado had four hits and an RBI as the Rockies put up a season high in runs.

Chacin (11-6) worked out of first-inning trouble by inducing Yonder Alonso to ground into a double play with runners at first and third and one out.

Edinson Volquez (8-10) allowed eight runs on nine hits in 4 1-3 innings.

Diamondbacks 7, Orioles 6

In Phoenix, Adam Eaton hit the first pitch of the ninth inning for a game-ending homer as Arizona beat Baltimore.

Arizona trailed 4-2 before stringing together three straight run-scoring singles in the seventh inning to take the lead.

Chris Davis tied the game in the eighth inning with major league-leading 43rd homer.

Wil Nieves then led off the bottom half with his first homer in a year to put Arizona up 6-5.

Baltimore tied it in the ninth on Nick Markakis' sacrifice fly off Brad Ziegler (6-1), but Eaton put a quick end to a night of momentum swings by sending the first pitch by Darren O'Day (5-2) into the pool in right-center to set off a wild celebration.

Man dies after fall from Turner Field upper deck

ATLANTA (AP)—A man who fell more than 60 feet from an upper-level platform at Atlanta's Turner Field onto a parking lot during a baseball game died Monday night, police said.

Atlanta police spokesman John Chafee confirmed the death of the man, whose name has not been released. The man fell during Monday night's game between the Atlanta Braves and Philadelphia Phillies.

"At this time there's no indication of foul play and the fall appears accidental," Chafee said late Monday. "It appears he fell from an upper-level platform to a secured lot below."

Chafee said police received the report of the fall just before 9 p.m. Monday. When officers arrived, they located a man who appeared to have fallen 65 feet, or about six stories.

The man was transported to Atlanta Medical Center and died of his injuries.

Chafee said the fall occurred on the stadium's back side. He said witnesses described the fall as accidental, but that police were not releasing other details of what they said.

He said he did not know if wet conditions or alcohol were factors.

Heavy rains had led to a nearly two-hour delay of the game, which was scheduled to start at 7:10 p.m.

A Braves spokeswoman declined comment earlier Monday night, referring calls to the Atlanta police.

Monday's accident wasn't the first of its kind to happen at Turner Field, and marked at least the third time a sports fan has fallen from the stands in Atlanta in about a year.

Isaac Grubb, 20, of Lenoir City, Tenn. died after falling over a railing at the Georgia Dome during a football game between Tennessee and North Carolina State on Aug. 31, 2012. Authorities said he landed on another man seated in the lower level, and that alcohol was a factor.

A man fell about 25 feet over a staircase railing at a Georgia Tech-Miami football game on Sept. 22, 2012 and was not seriously injured.

In May 2008, a 25-year-old Cumming, Ga. man suffered head injuries when he fell down a stairwell at Turner Field during a game between the Braves and the New York Mets and later died. Police found that alcohol had factored into that accident, which the Braves had said was the first non-medical fatality to happen at the ballpark.

Turner Field became the home of the Braves in 1997, a year after serving as the site of events for the 1996 Summer Olympics.

Jones moving past banana-throwing incident

PHOENIX (AP)—Baltimore Orioles center fielder Adam Jones is moving on a day after tweeting a fan in San Francisco threw a banana onto the field near him during a game.

"It's unfortunate that things happen like that, but it ain't going stop me, myself and the Orioles," he told reporters before Monday night's game against Arizona. "We have games to win. It's mid-August. I've got a bigger concern in my head than someone's ignorance or act of whatever. You know what I mean?"

Jones, who is black, homered in the top of the ninth and had four RBIs in the Orioles' 10-2 win over the Giants on Sunday. He didn't say anything about the incident after the game, but posted a tweet with an expletive that a fan had thrown a banana onto the field during the ninth inning.

A Giants fan told the San Jose Mercury News on Monday that he threw the banana, but said it was out of anger at the Giants and not racially motivated. The Giants told the newspaper they were not able to verify the fan's claim.

The Giants issued an apology to Jones and the Orioles.

"We were extremely disappointed to learn about the incident involving Adam Jones at AT&T Park yesterday," the statement said. "The Giants have a zero tolerance policy against this type of behavior, which results in immediate ejection from the ballpark."

"While we have been investigating the matter since we learned of the situation, unfortunately we have been unable to identify the person responsible. We would like to extend our sincerest apologies to Adam and the entire Orioles organization for this unfortunate incident. The inappropriate actions of this individual in no way reflect the values of our organization and our fans," it said.

Oliver barrels over hurdles to win title at worlds

United States' David Oliver celebrates winning gold in the men's 110-meter hurdles final at the World Athletics Championships in the Luzhniki stadium in Moscow, Russia, Monday, Aug. 12, 2013.

AP

MOSCOW (AP)—Over 10 hurdles, David Oliver had no trouble.

Stepping past a tiny steel beam jutting from the floor inside Luzhniki Stadium soon after winning a gold medal? Now that proved more difficult.

His trouble began after his nearly flawless 110-meter hurdles Monday night at the world championships. Oliver tripped and tumbled to the ground but quickly picked himself up and rubbed his stinging knee. His comic touch, however, was still intact: At least, he said, his misstep happened after the race.

For years, injuries have halted Oliver in the hurdles. For years, he's struggled to find his rhythm. It all came together when he finished just ahead of teammate Ryan Wilson.

Had it not been for a trip over the final hurdle, defending champion Jason Richardson could have grabbed the last spot on the podium. But his stumble opened the door for Sergey Shubenkov of Russia to slip into the third spot—much to the delight of the Moscow crowd.

"This feels great, man, coming out here and finally performing well again," said Oliver, a former football player at Howard University. "I was tired of being injured. I was tired of failing. I was tired of running like a donkey. It's just not good when you're not winning."

Shelly-Ann Fraser-Pryce wouldn't know anything about that, cruising to the women's 100-meter title. The two-time Olympic champion is just as dominant these days as Jamaican teammate Usain Bolt.

Fraser-Pryce took off out of the blocks and there was simply no catching her. She finished in a world-leading time of 10.71 seconds to beat Murielle Ahoure of the Ivory Coast. Defending champion Carmelita Jeter of the U.S. finished with the bronze.

Wearing pink shoes and matching hair extensions, Fraser-Pryce was hard to miss. And given all her wins, it's hard not to compare her to Bolt.

"I compare myself to nobody," Fraser-Pryce said. "What Usain has, he has. What I have is hard work."

Hard work has been Oliver's calling hard. A calm injury hampered him at Olympic trials last season and prevented him from making the U.S. squad for London.

Oliver decided to do things differently. No more weightlifting for the big and strong hurdler. No practicing on Wednesday, either. And, above all else, no more than four or five reps at anything he does on the track.

"I hit the reset button," Oliver explained. "With all those injuries, a lot of changes had to be made. Now, I can sit back and celebrate being a world champion."

Oliver's already off to a solid start in that department. He celebrated near the track with his mother, a former 400 hurdler who was an aspiring member of the U.S. track team in 1980 when the Americans boycotted the Moscow Olympics.

That made the moment all the more meaningful.

"Every race is always dedicated to my mom," said Oliver, who won Olympic bronze at the 2008 Beijing Games. "She taught me everything I know. For them not to compete in the `80 Games and she's here in the stadium? Nothing better. Love sharing those moments with her."

After lunging across the finish line, Oliver let out a loud scream. All those injuries and all those setbacks seemed gone. Wilson sauntered up to congratulate his teammate. Then Oliver suddenly noticed on the scoreboard that Wilson, not Richardson or Olympic gold medalist Aries Merritt, was on the podium with him.

"He goes, `Oh, I didn't know it was you.' He was so excited," Wilson recounted. "I couldn't have lost to a better competitor."

In other finals Monday:

■ Valerie Adams of New Zealand became the first woman to win four straight individual world titles.

■ Christine Ohuruogu of Britain leaned at the line to finish off a great comeback in the 400 and beat defending champion Amantle Montsho of Botswana by .004 seconds.

■ Raphael Holzdeppe of Germany captured the pole vault.

■ Pawel Fajdek of Poland won the hammer throw.

Unlike Ohuruogu in the 400, there was little drama in the 100 given Fraser-Pryce's fast start. She opened quite a big lead, pumped her arms down the track and then pumped her fists after her finish.

"I was completely in that zone," Fraser-Pryce said. "I didn't let any distractions get in."

The Jamaicans are now 2-0 in the sprint rivalry against the Americans.

With three more medals Monday, the Americans increased their overall lead to six for the championships. It could have possibly been more, with Brad Walker (pole vault), Michelle Carter (shot put), English Gardner (100) and Richardson all finishing fourth.

"I was going so fast that that I turned on the boosters and the jet fuel," Richardson said. "I did whatever it took to try and get back in it. I made a great burst of speed, but my hurdle technique couldn't support it."

Oliver's technique is like this: He attacks hurdles like a football player would, trying to clear them and punish them at the same time. It works. The hurdles almost bow in fear when the 6-foot-2, 205-pound Oliver comes barreling by.

Steel beams? That's something he still has to work on.

Jets' Geno Smith practices despite sore ankle

CORTLAND, N.Y. (AP)—Geno Smith gingerly took a few steps on the practice field, his ankle clearly bothering him, when Marty Mornhinweg yelled over to him.

"Don't limp! Don't limp!" the New York Jets offensive coordinator implored the rookie quarterback.

Smith did all he could not to, fully participating in practice and looking mostly sharp Sunday despite a sore right ankle that shortened his NFL debut at Detroit on Friday night.

"He's going to coach me hard, and he's going to coach all of us hard," Smith said. "That's the way he is, he's an old-school coach. He told me about Brett Favre and the way he played pretty much through every single injury.

"So I try to be the same way."

Smith was cleared for practice by the Jets' trainers Sunday morning after twisting the ankle on a play in the third quarter of the New York's 26-17 loss. He was rolling out with the ball and took an odd step.

"It was one of those freak accidents," Smith said. "Luckily, it wasn't too significant and I was able to get up and get back to practice."

An X-ray and MRI exam revealed what Smith called "great results," and he was eager to get back under center.

"I don't plan on missing any days," he said.

After all, he's competing with Mark Sanchez for the starting job. Plus, he wants to make sure he earns his teammates' respect.

"Those guys, I mean, they're hitting non-stop," Smith said. "It's a contact sport, very physical and a very violent game and those guys are putting their bodies on the line, so little injuries such as an ankle shouldn't keep me out of practice. It's important to show those guys that no matter what happens, I'm going to always come out there and give my best."

He had a solid practice with the first-team offense and threw consecutive touchdown passes to Konrad Reuland in goal-line drills. He had two others to Jeff Cumberland in red-zone drills, but was intercepted by Antonio Cromartie.

Smith appeared a bit hobbled when he dropped back to pass on some plays, saying he was "slower" than usual, but was pretty mobile—and accurate—on rollouts during practice.

"I had a bit of a limp, and my ankle isn't 100 percent, but it's only been a day since the occurrence," Smith said. "It's just about continuing to get rehab and treatment, and seeing how it goes day by day."

Smith said it was the first time in his football career that he has dealt with an ankle injury, and he even refused to call it a sprain—although the ankle was heavily taped.

With there still a long way to go in the preseason with three games left, it seemed as though sitting out a day or two of practice would be a good call. Coach Rex Ryan said he leans on the trainers to make that determination, and Smith said sitting out never entered his mind.

"I think this is one of those injuries where it's best to push through it, it's best to get out here," he said. "You don't want the ankle to get stiff and get tight on you, so the more you can flex it, the more you can get out here and run, it helps. It helps strengthen the ankle, helps me get back into the groove, as well as stay on pace with the progress I've been making throughout camp."

The quarterback competition is still open, and Smith could get the start—if healthy enough—against the Jacksonville Jaguars at home on Saturday night. However, Ryan acknowledged that the team hasn't planned that far ahead.

"We still are going to get through the week," Ryan said. "There could be some factors that could change things."

Those include the status of Smith's ankle, and perhaps how Sanchez looks in practice.

The fifth-year veteran got the start at Detroit and was intercepted on an early screen pass that Ziggy Ansah returned for a touchdown. It was a tough beginning that brought back memories of last season, when Sanchez had 26 turnovers and was benched for his inability to secure the football.

But Sanchez bounced back and had a respectable night against the Lions, finishing 10 of 13 for 125 yards and a touchdown pass.

"I liked the way he responded," Ryan said.

Smith didn't do much to move ahead of Sanchez, finishing 6 of 7 for 47 yards with no scoring drives before leaving with the injury.

"We had a few third downs that we didn't convert," Smith said. "And as the quarterback, of course, we want to work on that as a team, but you also want to put some of that burden on yourself because that's what this game's about, converting those first downs.

"Usually, it depends on the quarterback to do so."

Source: 76ers hire Brett Brown as coach

PHILADELPHIA (AP)—Four months later, the Philadelphia 76ers have a new coach.

A person familiar with the decision told The Associated Press on Monday the Sixers have hired San Antonio assistant Brett Brown to replace Doug Collins, who resigned in April.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because the move has not been officially announced.

New general manager Sam Hinkie took quite a while looking for a replacement before choosing Brown, who was part of three NBA title teams with San Antonio. The 52-year-old Brown was an assistant under Gregg Popovich since 2002. He also coached the Australian men's national team from 2009-12, and played a key role in helping Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker develop into All-Stars with the Spurs.

Brown is the franchise's 24th coach and eighth since Larry Brown resigned in 2003.

Brett Brown inherits a team completely rebuilding. Hinkie, who was hired away from Houston, traded All-Star guard Jrue Holiday to New Orleans on draft night for the rights to Kentucky center Nerlens Noel. Hinkie also drafted Syracuse point guard Michael Carter-Williams with the 11th overall pick in the first round.

Collins stepped down after the Sixers went 34-48, a year after advancing to the Eastern Conference semifinals. A season that began with promise after the acquisition of former All-Star center Andrew Bynum unraveled quickly, and Bynum never played a game in a Sixers uniform because of knee problems.

Collins left with one year remaining on his original four-year deal worth $4.5 million. He led the Sixers to the playoffs his first two seasons.

Mawati clinches outright q'finals berth

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Mawati bagged the automatic quarterfinals ticket in the 2013 DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League after beating Yuichiro, 54-52, in a make-up game last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Mawati finished the round-robin regular season with a 5-1 record and sealed the second quarterfinals berth in Pool A after Five O Restaurant downed Kamikaze (4-2), 80-75, later in the second game. Had Mawati lost its final game, then Kamikaze, which edged the former last Saturday, 70-66, would have nailed the second quarterfinals seat and join Sister Market (5-1) to the next round.

Francis Serrano saved Mawati from a crucial defeat, as he led the team's comeback in the fourth quarter and also drilled the go-ahead basket. Mawati faced a 38-46 deficit at the end of the third period, when Serrano scored 8 points in the fourth quarter, including the squad's last field goal. Julian Rena also helped out, nailing back-to-back shots in the closing minutes of the match.

Mawati stole the important win after holding Yuchiro to 6 points and two field goals in the fourth canto. Yuichiro fell to fifth place in the team standings in Pool A and will face Five O in the first round of the playoffs on Friday at 6pm. Also set for Friday is the duel between Fong's Flip Top and Ballaholics, while tonight's matches will have Maplas taking on Kalayaan at 6pm and Kamikaze battling Navy Hill. Winners of the four matches will join Mawati, Sister Market, Radio Com, and Adobo to the quarterfinals.

Adobo (5-1) notched the second quarterfinals berth in Pool B after slipping past Ballaholics last Friday, 54-52.

First Game

Mawati 54 – Serrano 16, Reyes 8, Rena 8, Ibanez 6, Enriquez 4, Guntar 4, Samson 2, Bautista 2.

Yuichiro 52 – J. Camacho 22, Villacrusis 9, R. Babauta 5, Z. Babauta 4, Gomez 4, Rapanut 2, D. Camacho 2.

Scoring by quarters: 6-13, 28-28, 38-46, 54-52.

Second Game

Five O 80 – Cadiang 17, De Guzman 15, Mungcal 15, Alegre 9, Dela Rama9, Barrios 6, Villanueva 6.

Kamikaze 75 – De Dios 19, Rivera 17, R. Sacramento 9, Santos 8, Reyes 6, A. Sacramento 3.

Scoring by quarters: 19-17, 40-35, 64-57, 80-75.

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Francis Serrano, see here going for a layup against the Snipers, led Mawati's come-from-behind win over Yuichiro in the DL Corp. caging last Monday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Chamber moves golf fundraiser to Oct. 5

The Saipan Chamber Commerce has moved its 6th Annual Chamber fundraiser golf tournament three weeks earlier than the original date of Oct. 26 and the competition will now be held on Oct. 5 at the Laolao Bay Golf and Resort.

Chamber president Alex Sablan said the change was necessitated by scheduling conflicts, particularly the Rotary Club of Saipan's Las Vegas Night, which is also set for Oct. 26.

This year's Chamber fundraiser golf tournament has been rechristened 2013 Saipan Chamber of Commerce/Steven Brownstein Golf Classic in honor of Brownstein who recently donated $5,000 to the business organization.

Brownstein owns and operates Straight Line International/The HR Screener as The Background Investigator and has been a member of the Chamber since 2005

The Chamber earlier said money raised from the golf tournament will be channeled directly to its college scholarship program. Last June, the Chamber awarded $12,000 in college scholarship funds to six Saipan high school students attending colleges this year.

The two-man best ball scramble format will have three categories of play—men's low gross, men's low net (double peoria), and women's low net (double peoria).

Winners in all three categories will take home $1,000 each. Second and third place finishers will be awarded $500 and $300 each, respectively.

There will be four hole-in-one prizes with automobiles and cash awards, as well as airline tickets for closest-to-the-pin contests. The Chamber estimates all prizes totaling $99,000.

The tournament fees will be $99.95 for individual players, and registration forms will be available soon at the Chamber offices in Garapan, or by calling Emi Agulto at 233-7150, or emailing coordinator@saipanchamber.com.

The Saipan Chamber of Commerce, founded in 1959 and incorporated in 1976, is the largest private sector business organization in the CNMI. The Chamber works to promote and protect the business, economic and civic interests, and the general health and welfare, of our islands. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

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swag Attack defenders. She then drove toward the right side and Yoloswag Attack's defense failed to react, leaving Castillo wide open for the go-ahead basket.

Yoloswag Attack, which had the lead for the last time, 52-51, after Kaylani Lebria converted her sixth triple of the night, tried to regain the upper hand, but faltered on its offensive set. Bubblebxtt then grabbed the rebound and ran down the clock to secure the 1-point win.

Only a point also separated Bubblebxtt and Yoloswag Attack in the first half, 28-27. Yoloswag Attack took the precarious lead behind the impressive 3-point shooting of Lebria, who drilled four triples in the first 20 minutes of play. Jaime Mendoza also nailed one shot from downtown for Yoloswag Attack's last basket, while Bubblebxtt ended the first half with back-to-back triples to stay in the game.

Yoloswag Attack continued to make shots from the parking lot in the second half, while Bubblebxtt went for higher percentage shots and in the end in took a layup from Castillo to decide the back-and-forth match.

With the victory, Bubblebxtt faces the Ballersss in the winner's bracket semifinals, while Yoloswag Attack meets Hashtag in a must win match. The winner of the Yoloswag Attack-Hashtag duel will play the loser of the Bubblebxtt-Ballersss for the second and last finals berth.

The Ballersss had an easier win in the first round of the playoffs after taking an early double-digit lead against Hashtag. Ira Palero scored 7 of his 9 points in the first half to lift the Ballersss to a 28-16 halftime advantage. The Ballersss kept its safe distance against Hashtag in the second half, as the rest of Palero's teammates stepped up on offense.

First Game

Ballersss 47 – Alipio 12, Travilla 10, Palero 9, Garon 6, Alegre 5, Reyes 3.

Hashtag 34 – Abrams 12, Ito 9, Gelacio 6, Bartolo 3.

Scoring by halves: 28-16, 47-34.

Second Game

Bubblebxtt 53 – Kautz 17, Javier 14, Castillo 11, Pena 5, Pagarao 3, Alegre 3.

Yoloswag Attack 52 – Lebria 22, Mendoza 12, Williams 6, Rayphand 5, Kautz 5, Samson 2.

Scoring by halves: 27-28, 53-52.

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the fight went according to his camp's game plan.

"I studied Koshi for as long as I can remember in this fight camp. He fell straight into my game plan and I capitalized on the mistakes he made. I knew if I came out hard with forward pressure he would be forced to go for his takedowns than to strike with me and establish his control. He was going for single leg takedowns and I had to defend and stuff them the whole time. As the rounds went on I was throwing huge shots to his ribs and body to disrupt his breathing and not make him recover so I could have a better chance of going for the finish in the later rounds. By Round 3 he was tired and I turned on the after burners and went for the finish," Camacho said.

"This has to be one of the best game plans implementation in my career. Koshi Matsumoto is definitely no slouch in the MMA world. He is ranked No. 1 Shooto Japanese fighter by *FIGHTER Magazine*. I really studied him and with the help of my coaches and training partners, Pat Ayuyu, Steve Roberto, Nick Shoemake, Kyle Augon, Shane Alvarez, Roman Dela Cruz, and everyone else, they made the fight easier," he added.

Despite posting an impressive win in his PXC comeback, Camacho does not want to be complacent and will continue to train for two more fights this year.

"I'm back to training, back to working the things I need to work on. I'm excited what's next for me, but I'm looking for another two fights by the end of this year," said Camacho, who will be back on Saipan this weekend for Rites of Passage 15.

"Thank you so much CNMI for all the love and support. For everyone that came out to PXC 38 in Guam, you guys are awesome. And all family friends and fans, you are the best. I will be on Saipan this Friday for Rites Of Passage. Everyone should come down and support the sport that has helped me get to where I am at now. They are all action packed and I can't wait to ref the fights and get to watch a few as well," Camacho said.

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but the Giants answered with a two-run single from Devyn Flores at the bottom to take the driver's seat.

Jesse Brel then made an RBI double and Franklin Lizama had an RBI single, and K.J. Deleon Guerrero also earned an RBI on a base hit before stealing home to make it a 6-1 advantage for the Giants after three complete innings. The lead went up to 6, 7-1, as the Giants added another run off a fielder's choice in the fourth.

The Dodgers had no response to the Giants' attack in the next three innings before the former broke their silence at the top of the fifth with Jhace Palacios' single driving Jonah Reyes home and Craig Aguon scoring off a Giants' error to slice the deficit to four, 3-7.

However, the Giants were quick to retaliate at the bottom of the fifth, converting four runs off the Dodgers' fielding and throwing miscues. The Giants went on to foil the Dodgers' comeback bid after stranding two runners in the sixth and knocking out the latter's first three batters at the top of the last inning.

Pirates 14, Cardinals 6

The Pirates also notched a win one inning early after dominating the Cardinals.

The Pirates had solid hitting in the first three innings, scoring nine runs and delivered the finishing blows at the bottom of the sixth inning with their five runs.

Johan Flores, T.J. Sablan, and Carlos Rabauliman had one RBI single apiece to start the Pirates offense, while the next six runs came off two stolen dish, wild pitches, and one fielder's choice. The debuting Pirates failed to score in the fourth and fifth inning, but came out strong in the sixth, drilling five runs, courtesy of Jake Flores and Carlos Rabauliman's RBI singles, Jerry Kintol's sacrifice fly and two RBI walks.

The Cardinals had four unearned runs, while the other one came off Austin Hocog's double at the top of the seventh inning. The Cardinals struggled against Pirates starting pitcher Carl Camacho, who struck out four batters and allowed only three hits and two unearned runs in four innings. Mike Muna took over the mound for the Pirates and recorded three strikeouts, while giving up only two hits.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	71	49	.592	_
Tampa Bay	66	50	.569	3
Baltimore	65	53	.551	5
New York	60	57	.513	9 1/2
Toronto	54	64	.458	16

Central Division

Detroit	69	48	.590	_
Kansas City	62	54	.534	6 1/2
Cleveland	63	56	.529	7
Minnesota	53	63	.457	15Ω
Chicago	45	72	.385	24

West Division

Texas	69	50	.580	_
Oakland	67	50	.573	1
Seattle	54	63	.462	14
Los Angeles	53	64	.453	15
Houston	37	80	.316	31

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	72	47	.605	_
Washington	57	60	.487	14
New York	54	62	.466	16 1/2
Philadelphia	53	65	.449	18 1/2
Miami	44	73	.376	27

Central Division

Pittsburgh	70	47	.598	_
St. Louis	67	50	.573	3
Cincinnati	66	52	.559	4 1/2
Chicago	52	66	.441	18 1/2
Milwaukee	51	67	.432	19 1/2

West Division

Los Angeles	68	50	.576	_
Arizona	60	57	.513	7 1/2
Colorado	56	64	.467	13
San Diego	53	65	.449	15
San Francisco	52	65	.444	15 1/2

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CNMI vs Hong Kong in EAFF U18 Tournament

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Players of the CNMI U18 National Team huddle before the start of their game against Hong Kong in the 2013 EAFF U18 Youth Tournament last week at the Guam National Training Center in Dededo.

CNMI goalie Joshua Galarion gets ready on defense.

The CNMI's Kenneth Domingo kicks the ball.

CNMI and Hong Kong players shake hands before the start of their game.

The CNMI's Enrico del Rosario looks for a teammate to recover the ball.

CNMI players stay in front of the defense.

A Hong Kong player goes for a header.

The CNMI's Jehn Joyner, left, and Joel Fruit waits for the referee's call before resuming action at the pitch.

The starting 11 for the CNMI pose for a group photo.

Game officials pose with the captains of the CNMI and Hong Kong before the start of the game.

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'The Crank' KOs Japanese foe

Referee and MMA legend Big John McCarthy, right, raises the hand of Frank "The Crank" Camacho, who knocked out Japan's Koshi Matsumoto in the third round of their lightweight bout in PXC 38 last Friday at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.

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Frank "The Crank" Camacho is definitely back in Pacific Xtreme Combat.

Camacho, who missed PXC action for about six years, returned for PXC 38 and knocked out Japan's Koshi Matsumoto at the 1:24 mark of the third round of their lightweight bout last Friday at the University of Guam Fieldhouse.

Camacho attacked Matsumoto right from the opening bell and threw a flurry of straight punches and combinations to his foe's body and head before going for the kill in the third.

"In the first part of the first and second round I was the aggressor, but Koshi was definitely working his takedowns on me. He wanted to get me on the ground so he could use his jiu-jitsu and work his finishes on me. Once I stuffed his first few takedowns I stayed alert and composed and worked my combinations. When he stayed on his knees after the second round ended, I knew I had it in the bag. I just had to pick up the pace and go for the finish," said Camacho, who improved his MMA record to 11-2 and got his ninth knockout win.

With Matsumoto starting to pay dearly for taking too many hits from Camacho, the latter threw more punches and combinations on the former's head, forcing referee and MMA legend Big John McCarthy to pull the plug on the Japanese fighter.

"I threw a combination and rocked him. He fell to the ground and crawled up my leg to recover and try to take me down. After that we scrambled and ended up back on our feet. I immediately started to pressure him and stalked him down where I threw a 1-2 combination (jab cross) that knocked him out cold. I was going in to finish him off just in case, but Big John McCarthy stepped in to stop the fight," the 24-year-old Camacho said.

Though he was not expecting a KO win early, Camacho said

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Giants thump Dodgers for second win

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The Giants eased past the Dodgers, 11-3, in the second game in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

The win was the second in as many games for the Giants, who took the early lead in the eight-team field, one game ahead of the Pirates, Braves, and Padres. The Dodgers fell to a 0-2 record for last place behind the Yankees, Cardinals, and Tigers, who hold similar 0-1 slates.

The Giants collected their second victory after leading from start to finish and allowed the Dodgers to score only in two innings. The Dodgers got into the board first off a sacrifice fly at the top of the first,

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The Giants players and officials huddle before going to the field for the top of the sixth inning of their game against the Dodgers in the 2nd Annual Triple A Youth Baseball last Monday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Bubblebxtt, Ballersss march into semis

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The Ballersss and Bubblebxtt arranged their semis duel for the first finals berth in the 2013 Kanoa Resort Women's Basketball Summer League after recording contrasting wins at the start of the playoff round last Monday night at the Gillette Multipurpose Gymnasium.

The Ballersss coasted past Hashtag in the curtain-raiser, 47-34, while Bubblebxtt eked out a 53-52 victory over Yoloswag Attack in the second game.

Jeralyn Castillo made the winning basket for Bubblebxtt, as Yoloswag Attack committed a defensive lapse in the closing seconds of the game, allowing the former to go for an uncontested layup. The pivotal play started with Castillo on the left key facing a couple of Yolo-

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Jeralyn Castillo, seen here driving against Hashtag defenders during the regular season game in the Kanoa women's caging, scored the winning basket in Bubblebxtt's 53-52 playoff win over Yoloswag Attack last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.